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Begun—14 August 1682. End—31 Decemr, 1683.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present — MUNDAY 14TH.

MR: [VIN]CENT SAYON CHEIF
MR: GEORGE RAMSDEN
JAMES WHEELER
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The ship Williamson arriveing neer this road the 11th: Instant which by reason of Contrary Winds could not quite come in, Vincent Sayon and James Wheeler were forced to bee rowed ashoare the next day in the ships boate where after many howres wee arrived at Metchlepa: dilivereing the Gennerall packetts and in persuance of the Agent's and Councells orders.

The Merchants were this day sent for and discoursed about the increaseing of the severall quantityes of cloth allready contracted for and an additionall provision of 2000: ℔s of Dymithies and 2000: ℔s of Dyapers [. . .] all which they resolved that for the quantity [. . .] they will use their endeavours but not oblidge themselves noe otherwaise then by promise and for the Dymithies and Diapers they will bring Musters to bee veiwed by the Councell.

Mr: John Field did this day diliver up [the ballance] of the Honoble: Companys Cash being pagods: 12592: 31: 0: to [Mr:] Vincent Sayon with the other Bookes and papers belonging to this ffactory. The Agent and Councell have enordered that wee increase the Investment this yeare to as much as wee could possible after some discou[rse] the Merchants agreed this day for the provision for [the] following goods more then allready Cont[racted] for Vizt:

Sallampores... ...	7600 ℔s:	Izzarees . . .	1000:	Du[. . .] browne
Percollaes of 15 covds.	2800 ℔s:	Oringall Beetelaes	1000:	G[. . .]
Booke [Percollaes]	2000 ℔s:	Allejaes . . .	3500:	[. . .]

The Governour of this place Mamud Alley Beeg sent his Maldar to the Cheif to congratulate his arrivall here with great promises of ffriendship in the Honoble: [Compas:] affaires and further desireing to provide him some Cheeses and strong waters which hee profferrd to pay for, but considering his expectations may bee much larger of a piscash It was therefore resolved That 6: Cheeses 2: Cases strong waters 2: 6: Gallon Cases of Brandy and a Chest of rosewater bee sent him as a

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[14TH.] present it Costomary on a new Cheifs comeing to place to present him with something most agreeable to his humour. There being a great want of Houseold stuff for this ffactory especially of Chaires Tables and one or two Coutches and Mr: ffield haveing belonging to him one dozen of Chaires and a Coutch made of teake wood it is ordered they bee bought for the Companys Acco^t: the Chaires at 2½ rupees each & the Coutch 2½: pago^ds: which hee affirmes to bee the true cost of them and that Mr: ffield is desired to furnish us from Madapoll: with as many more of the same sort the house being now soe bare since the removeall of the late Cheif that some of the roomes therein have not above 4: old Chaires in it much to the discreditt of our hono^ble: Masters.

V. Sayon.
George Ramsden.
James Wheeler.
Timothy Harris.

[14TH.] Mr: ffield went to give the Governour a visitt.

15. Mr: Sayon presented the Governor: as ℘ Consultation.

Mr: Wales arrived from Madapollam.

16. Contracted with the Merchants for more goods.

Arrived Letters from Bengall

Mr: Jourdens Vessell sayled for Madapollam.

Letters came from Madrass from the Right Worspll: Age^t: and Councell.

Att a Consultation

Present

Thursday 17th.

Mr: Vincent Sayon Cheif
Mr: George Ramsden
Mr: James Wheeler
Mr: Timothy Harris.

The Hono^ble: Companys Merchants came this day to y^e: ffactory desireing the payment of their one third part for the Investment to bee made by them this yeare which the Councell Considereing of and [haveing] found them very willing and Industrious to increase the Investm^t: which is soe much recommended to us by the Right Worsp^ll: Agent &c^a: Councell did therefore resolve that 21: thousand [p...] bee paid them which is as much as cann bee spared from y^e: Cash at present and they were promised that what is wanting of ⅓ shall bee supplyed next mony that wee received.

The Hono^ble: Company haveing ordered a settlement this yeare at Pettipollee and there being [some] Merchants of that place concerned with ours in the first Contract made by Mr: ffield &c^a: the Councell which they tooke into Consideration and finding it would bee prejuditiall to the affaires in that place in this present Juncture of time to Continue them did resolve that they bee dismissed from their provision of goods att this place and ordered to applye themselves to the business at Pettepollee and in testimony of respect to them they were Piscasht w^th: 3: yards of Scarlett each when they departed very Contentedly

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desireing that upon any alteration of that ffactory they might bee againe admitted haveing approved themselves soe dilligent in the last yeares trust Imposed upon which the Councell finding noe reason to the Contrary assured them off. [17TH.]

V. SAYON.
GEORGE RAMSDEN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Mr: John ffield &ca: went to Madapoll: 18TH.

Captaine Warner in ye: Williamson sett saile for Bengall. 19.

Arrived a portugueze ship from Goe. 20TH.

the Cheif of the Dutch gave the Governour a visitt.

sent a Gennerall to ye: Rt: Worspll: Agent and Councell at Madrass.

The Thomas arrived from Madrass and brought Mr: Jourdaine. 21ST.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY THE 21ST.

MR: VINCENT SAYO[N]
MR: GEORGE RAMS[DEN]
MR: TIMOTHY HARRI[S.]

The ffreemen were sent for this day and [. . .] the Gennerall Letter dated the 5th: August [. . .] Worspll: [the Agent] and Councell prohibit [. . .] Bengall rawe silke and haveing any Correspondency with Interlopeing ships was read to them and their observance thereof required as they will answer the Contrary.

The Merchants being treated with about the Cotton Romalls the Honoble: Company the last yeare required and ye: Right Worspll: the Agent and Councell this yeare recommend to us to provide the full quantity before required if procurable at 20: pagods: ℔ Corge they have agreed to provide ℔s 5250 without any abatement of 8: ℔ Cent. The Musters of Chints of severall grounds were this day veiwed in Councell and found to bee very deare and not with that Curiosity and Workemanship as desired it was therefore resolved that the Merchants provide a Corge of each ground to bee painted with as much Curiosity and variety as possible to bee sent home to the Honoble: Company as Musters and ye: other quantity required to bee Commended to our friends at Pettipollee. The Musters of dimithyes and Dyapers were allsoe veiwed by the Councell but the Merchants requireing too great a rate for them they departed without makeing any Contract and it is referred to further Consideration.

V. SAYON.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Mr: Hawkes arrived from Mocowe in the farewell. [.]

Cudjaobnus ship sayled for Narrsapore. [.]

Mr: Wales and his wife came from Madapollam.

Peons brought the 2: Englishmen that run away fõ the Williamson. [.]

the King of Golcondahs ship sayled for Madapollam.

The ship Thomas sayled for Visagapatam and carryed Mr· Ramsden and Mr: Jourden. 24

A Moors sloop sayled hence for Bengall.

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THURSDAY THE 24TH.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR VINCENT SAYON CHEIF
&
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Merchants this day after much debate agreed to signe a Contract for the goods Contracted for to the 14th : of August being an Additionall quantity to what Mr : ffield &ca : before had done but they are not yett brought to agree for the dymityes and dyapers which is referr'd to bee further Considered of. The Councell esteeming the prices of the Musters to bee to deere.

The Governour Maumud Alley Beague haveing often before and this day sent Meir ffukerdeen an Eminent Merchant in this towne to accquaint the Cheif that hee would give him a visitt at the ffactory or receive one from him it was therefore thought Convenient to prevent his comeing that the Cheif should goe to [his] house at Goodrowe where after the Civill entertaynment and unusuall Courtesies hee entered in [discourse] about the Companys affaires in these parts which gave occasion to accquaint him of some private ships yt : might happen to come to these parts has had done two [years] past desireing that if any such ship or [. . .] arrive in any port under his Government [. . .] that Inclination of friendship hee proffesses [. . .] their affaires of Merchandize and hind [. . .] from haveing any releif of water or provi [. . .] shoar assureing him that soe great a favour [. . .] forgott, after which and a Little pawsing [hee . . .] hee did remember there was such as [. . .] time and upon his desire hee had effe [. . .] their [. . .] Intimateing by his [. .] of Mr : Wynns promise to him but withall assureing the Cheif hee would Complye with his desires and upon Notice of any shuch [*sic*] ship hee would obstruct them for hee very well knew that such bad people spoyled trade the Councell esteeme it Necessary that hee bee privately given that sume of 250 : pagods : before promised in Mr : Wynns dayes which will engage his friendship to that and all other the Companys affaires and order that it bee presented to the Agent &ca : in our Next Gennerall and to await the returne of their answear.

TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Cheif gave the Governour a visitt.

26TH. The ship Natthaniell arrived from Madrass.

27 The portugueze ship sayled for Narrsapore.

Mr : Wales Mr : Lee Mr : Goddard went to Pettipollee.

One of the men that belonged to ye : Williamson made his way over the pales of the ffactory and run away a second time.

MONDAY THE 28TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR : VINCENT SAYON CHEIF
MR : JAMES WHEELER
&
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Merchts : being this day sent for whoe appearing were demanded concerning the dimityes and diapers to which they replyd that the dymityes they would

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Contract for but the dyapers being Course and not such as the Company Require they are ordered to bring finer Musters of dyapers after some debate about the dymityes the Councell Chose a Muster [of] it with the Companys Seale agreeing for 1500 : ℘s : of [ye :] same sort to bee provided 18 : Coveds long & 2 : 1 : inch broad at 2 : p^{a} : 3/16 ℘ peece ready cured without the 8 : p^{r} : Cent abatement taken off which the Councell esteeme to bee a reasonable Price. [28$^{TH.}$]

The Cumm Beetel [aes] [rec^{d} . .] Natthaniell was this day shewed the [. . .] requireing an abatement according to the [. . .] thereon the 1sst : sort being valued at [. . .] offerred them at 30 : pago^{ds} : the 2^{d} : sort [. . .] offerred them at $28\frac{1}{2}$: which they now [. . .] undertake desireing to have some [time . . .] further on it to which the Councell [. . .] their appearance tomorrowe Mor [ning] The treasure being Landed this day from the Natthaniell and being noe further occasion for her stay here it is order'd that a Gennerall Letter bee writt to the Agent and Councell at Bengall adviseing them the increase of our tonnage Since our Last by the Williamson and [that] the Captaine bee dispatcht this night in order to his sayling to Morrow Morning.

The Merchants this day desireing that they may have the rest of the $\frac{2}{3}$: paid them according to Contract which the Councell Considering to bee noe more then reason doe order the payment of pago^{ds} : 50,000 to them which is some thousands of pago^{ds} : short assuring them that at their agreement for the other goods as Cummhums &c^{a} : now in Debate with them the other shall bee paid them.

James Wheeler.
Timothy Harris.

Ship Natthaniell sayled for Bengall [. . . yed] the other man y^{t} : run away [. . .] the Williamson. 29$^{TH.}$

[. . an] a Persian the Governour[. . . y^{e} :] Cheif to lett him have his passage [. . .] ship Natthaniell to Bengall which [. . .] Consented to for feare of displeas : [. . .] the Governour.

Att a Consultation

Present

M^{R} : V. Sayon Cheif
M^{R} : J. Wheeler
&
Timothy Harris.

Extraordinary : Wensday the 30$^{TH.}$

The Merch^{ts} : this day appearing were demanded to give in their answear about the Cumm Beetelaes whether they would undertake the 1st : sort at 30 : & the 2^{d} : at $28\frac{1}{2}$: pago^{ds} : Corge which was proposed to them the 28th : Instant, to which they replyd they would bring them in browne 3000 ℘s : but not undertake the cureing by reason these washers are straingers to such sort of Cloth but desired at [last ?] that they might send for the Washers and Consult [. . .] them about it and returne their finall answear this afternoone which the Councell agreed for y^{e} : same and finding no other business the [. . .]

James [Wheeler.]
Tim[othy Harris.]

The Merchants Contracted for 2000 ℘s dimityes 18 : Coveds long 2 : Cod. : 1 Inch broad at $43\frac{3}{4}$ ℘ Corge without the 8 ℘ Cent abated. 30$^{TH.}$

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[30TH.] The Ship Prospect sailed for Madapollam.

Accana Bramany to the King of Golcundah sent [the Dutch ?] a Phirmaund and a Piscash to assist their People getting a ship over the Barr at Narsapore.

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Present

THURSDAY THE 31ST.

MR : V. SAYON CHEIF

MR : JAMES WHEELER

&

TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Merchants this day appearing were ordered to give in their answear about the Cumm Beetelaes whoe accepted the offer of the 1st : sort at 30 : pa : and the 2d : sort at 28½ pagods : ℣ Corge to bee ready cured without any abatement of 8 ℣ Cent but the Councell Considering the Musters to bee browne and this sort of Cloth appearing much worse when tis whited it is ordered that the Musters bee put to washing and bee well cured before the Councell make a finall detirmination of this Contract and the Merchants were for this time dismist. Being ordered the payment of pagods : 4000 upon their Contract of the dimityes agreed to the 28 : of August past.

SEPTEMBER A Dutch ship arrived from Zeylone.

YE: 2D : Mr : Sayon being sick noe Consultation.

4 : Pinck Saphir belonging to ye English arrived from Madrass.

A Dutch ship sayled for Bengall.

Pinck Saphyr sayled for Madapoll.

Sent a Gennerall Letter to Pettipolee.

Mr. Sayon being Sick noe Consultation.

at 12 : at night Mr : Sayon deceased.

Sent a Gennerall Letter to ye : Right Worspll : Agent and Councell at Madrass.

Mr : ffield came from Madapoll :

JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The 4th : & 7 : noe Consultation Mr : Sayon being sick.

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Present

FRYDAY THE 8TH :

JAMES WHEELER

&

TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Mr : Vincent Sayon, whoe had bin [*sic*] afflicted wth : Sickness these 7 dayes, deceased last night about 12 : a Clock of a ffe[av]our James Wheeler, and Timothy Harris being [present] Immediately of his servant demanded the [. . .] Chamber where the Honoble : Companys [cash chest] stood, whoe directing them where to find the [cash] Chest which was opened in presence of [. . .] Brereton the Cash examined, and found the[. . .] 11246 : 21 : 1 the Ballance at that time [. . .] Cash Booke kept by said Mr. Sayon.

The next thing the Councell proceeded on was a Gennerall Letter to ye : Agent and Councell at the ffort adviseing them the decease of said Mr : Sayon, that

it was a very Sickly Season and that most in the ffactory were indisposed, which Letter being read and past was Immediately sent to the ffort with an order given to the peons to make what hast possible. [8TH.]

James Wheeler.
Timothy Harris.

this Evening Mr: Sayon was interred at the English Garden attended by the Dutch and all the Europeans in towne.
John Demarkes ship sayled for Pegue. 9TH:
Mr: ffield went to Madapoll: and carryed two Chests of Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$: along with him. 11:
Mr: Breretons wife deceased.
A Moores ship sayled for Tenassaree. 12:
Came Letters from Bengall by Pattamars. 13:
Sent away the same to Madrass.
A Dutch sloop sayled for Pollicatt.
Sent a Gennerall Letter to Madapoll. 14:
Sent a Gennerall Letter to Pettipoilee.
A Dutch sloop sayled for Madapoll. 16:
The Lancaster arrived Captaine Goodlad Commandr.
Sent a Gennerall Letter to Madapoll and another to Pettipollee.
The Lancaster Sayled for Bengall. [...]
Mr: Wales came from Pettipolee.
Mr: Tillottson came from Madapollam.
Mr: Wales went to Pettipollee and carryed a Chest of Treasure. 21:
Mirabdulla Baker's ship sayled for Tanassaree.
Mr: Tillottson went to Madapoll and carryed a Chest [of] Treas[ure].
Ship ffarewell sayled for Accheen. 22:
Dutch Hooker arrived from Beemlepatam. 23:
The Avaldar made Mahmudd Mullapa one of the Honoble: Companys' Merchants buy of him 100: Candy of paddy and made him pay 3½ pagods: ℔ Candy when the buzzar price was but 3: pagods: ℔ Candy. 25:
Received a Gennerall Letter from Madapoll.
Mr: Goddard came from Pettipollee being [sicke].
A poor English man deceased in the ffactory.
Mr ffreemans sloop sayled for Madrass. 27:
Received Letters from our Egybb at Golcondah. 28
Sent Letters to ye: Right Worspll: Agent and Councell at Madrass.
Sent a Generall Letter to Madapollam.
A Dutch ship sayled for Batavia.
A Deanes sloop Arrived from Bengall.
Sent a Piscash and a Letter to Golcondah. 30TH:
Meir Abdulla Bakeirs ship sayled for Narsapore.

Att a Consultation

Present Munday the 11th

James Wheeler
&
Timothy Harris.

The Councell sent for the Merchants whoe on [. . .] in the Musters of the Cummum Beetelaes [. . .] to bee putt to cureing the 31st: ultimo [. . .] Contract should bee made, the said [. . .] very [care] fully washed appeared [. . .] well to the eye, however the Councell knowing

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[11TH] it their duty to procure their Hono[ble]: Masters goods as cheap as possible, demanded an abatement of 4 : ℔ Cent to bee made thereon, the Merchants Replyed that on the 31st: last Month, M[r]: Sayon and the Councell had brought them as lowe as possible they could make them for, viz[t]: at pago[ds]: 30: & 28½: ℔ Corge ready whited and cured without any abatement, and that under that they could nor would not Contract, whereon the Councell useing Severall perswasive Arguments with them at last gott them to withdrawe, to cast up the Cost and Charges thereon and to see if possible they could somewhat complye: after a long debate amongst them they returned that they would abate 1: ℔ Cent and noe more could they possibly bee bro[t]: to whereon the Councell Contracted then with them for 3000 ℔s viz[t]: N°: 1: at 30: pago[ds]: ℔ Corge and N°: 2: at 28½: to bee bro[t]: in ready white and cured at 1: ℔ Cent abatement which with much difficulty in many houres was obtayned, the Merch[ts]: alleidgeing that 1: ℔ Cent would bee a constant abatement for severall yeares, in some of which the Hono[ble]: Comp[a]: might require treble the quantity which in the end would bee considerable.

The Merchants then demanded the payment of their ⅔ according to Contract, at which the Councell replyed they should soe soone as wee had Contracted for the dyapers required by the Hono[ble]: Company; to which they answered they could not possibly provide them haveing undertaken this yeare so large an Investment as the like was never knowne before in this place, and that they must Severally bestir themselves to bring in what they had Contracted for which they promised to doe and y[t]:[y[e]:] they should give a promise of those dyapers, they were certayne could not complye therewith the time being farr spent and the mony not given them in time for provideing soe Considerable an Investment which amounts unto pago[ds]: 129015: Contracted for on the 1st: Muster of each sort as ℔ agreement made with the Merchants the 2[d]: of Aprill 1679: all abatements being de[ducted] besides the Carpetts for which 700: pago[ds]: is givin out whereon the Councell ordered them the paym[ts] of pago[ds]: 5010 which fully Compleats the payment of their ⅔:

The Warehousekeep[rs]: Acco[t]: for August with his Acco[t]: Charges Merchandize for said Month was read and passed and allsoe the stewards Acco[t]: for August being Viz[t]:

Charges Dyett	Pago[ds]:	41 :	4 :	0 :
Charges Gennerall		76 :	11 :	1 :
Charges Extraordinary		126 :	2 :	0 :
Acco[t]: Stores		31 :	15 :	0 :
Acco[t]: Repaires		34 :	17 :	0 :
House Moveables		19 :	18 :	0 :
House Rent		2 :	[. . .]	
Serv[ts]: Wages		11 :	[. . .]	
	Pago[ds]:	[4 . . . . .]		

which charges were extraordinaryly occasion'd [. . .] resort here was of the Hono[ble] Companys [. . .] being here for some time our friends [. . .] and Pettepollee and the ships Comm[ander and the] Boates Crews being accommodated at [. . .] the Cash Booke was allsoe examined [. . .] and [the ballance] thereof found to [. . .]

August the	Pagods:	fa.	ca.	Augst:	Pagods:	fa.	ca.
14th: To Ballance Recd: from Mr: John ffield pagods:	12890	21	1	18th: By Madlacurdapa &ca: Merchts:	21000	0	0
15: To Accot: Currant Recd: from Williamson	10000	0	0	20: By Timothy Harris pd him ...	300	0	0
To Accot: Currant Recd: from Natthaniell	70000	0	0	22: By James Wheeler to defray charges Merchandize	300	0	0
				29: By Madlacundapah & Compa: ...	50000	0	0
				31: By Ditto paid them more	10000	0	0
				By Accot: Presents to ye: Governor: in Brandy	44	0	0
Pagods:	92890	21	1	By Balance Remayning	11246	21	1
				Pagods: ...	92890	21	1

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A Generall Letter to the ffort was allsoe read and passed. [11TH :]

The Councell made enquiry what cloth was bro^{t}: in and found to bee measured and put to washing vizt:

Sallampores peeces	11035
Percollaes	6438
Booke percollaes	1115
Izzarees	3
	18591 : peeces.

JAMES WHEELER.

AT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

JAMES WHEELER

&

TIMOTHY HARRIS.

SATTERDAY THE 16TH:

Captaine Richard Goodlad Commander of the Lancaster comeing this morning ashoar and dilivering us the packett from [y^{e}] Agent and Councell directed to the Cheif and Councell of this ffactory by the Inclosed Bill of Ladeing [wee found] 2 : Chests of treasure N^{o} : G : H : and 2 : Bal[es . . .] N^{o} : 28: and 34: Consigned hither wee Imme [diately without] any loss of time being late in the yeare [g . . .] the said Captaine Goodlad to send for the [. . .] ashoar being with Gods ꝑmission Resolved [. . .] Captaine his dispatch wth: our Generall [. . .] Munday Morning.

JAMES W[HEELER.]
TIM[OTHY HARRIS.]

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JAMES WHEELER

&

TIMOTHY HARRIS.

MUNDAY THE 19TH:

Haveing rec^{d}: ashoare what goods and treasure was consigned hither on the Lancaster wee this Morning dilivered Captaine Goodlad his dispatch for Bengall whoe Immediately repaired on board his ship.

A Generall to the Agent and Councell was read and passed.

The Merchants were called for and pressed to bring in their Cloth faster, makeing them sencible of w^{t}: a shoart time they had to bring in the great quantity of goods they had Contracted for.

JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

JAMES WHEELER
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

[WENSDAY] 21ST:

The Councell sent for the Merchants and pressed to y^{m}: the hastning in of the cloth contracted for, alleging it grew late in y^{e}: year, and they had now obliged themselves to deliver in [far larger quantityes] then in any one year heretofore and that if the Hono^{ble}: Companyes Shipps Should any waies be retarded, because

21st: their cloth is not in a readiness it would redound to the irrecoverable loss of their reputations, and be a vast charge and disapointmt: to our Honoble: Masters, to wch: the Merchants answerd they were sensible of wt: wee [re]lated to them and did & would forward as much as in them lay, [the] bringing in the Cloth Contracted for, and were dayly sending up Peons in the Country to their Servants and weavers, to make all possible speed, and use all diligence in buying & sending downe cloth.

The Councell on enquiry finding that Cloth had been at the washers this 6 weekes immediately ordred 10 Peons to remain wth: the washers, to see they are not idle but use their utmost care & diligence to whiten the Cloth well and speedy.

JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

AT A CONSULTATION
Present
MUNDAY YE; 25TH: JAMES WHEE[LER]
&
TIMOTHY HARR[IS].

The Merchants were at large discoursed and [. . .] perswasive Argume[nts] urged to take of [. . .] goods [. . .] Cloth, [Copper,] Lead, and Quick [silver . . .] profferred to have dilivered them presently, and its amount to bee deducted out of the last payment for this yeares Investment, but the Merchants were mightily averse to it, and would by noe meanes bee drawne from their Contract In March 1679 alleidgeing that it was then agreed on their abateing 8 ℔Cent, they were to bee paid all in mony & were not obliged nor would not take goods, wch: they say they never did, nor ever was Imposed on them, and were discontented the Councell should urge them soe much to it, whereon wee accquainted them the quantity of Europe goods Madrass Merchants had taken off yearely, that Madapollam Merchts: had now promised the same, and therefore they ought not to bee examined, when such Considerable quantityes of Cloth was bought of them.

After the Merchants were departed the Dubash was discoursed Concerning his promise to the Right Worspll: the Agent and Councell, at the ffort, and their ordr: to us in their Letter of the 7th: Currant to procure what Dutch Cloth possible, to which hee replyed that the Dutch were now getting in all Cloth procurable to Lade on a great Dutch shipp in the road bound for Batavia the [29] Currant, that after that shipp was dispatched hee would use his uttmost to procure what possible and had a faire prospect of then procuring a Considerable parcell of their ordinary long cloth and Sallampores which although they are sortes not expressly nominated to bee provided in this ffactory, yett wee presume if can procure them on reasonable termes may doe our Honoble: Masters good Service, and not derogate from the Agent and Councells orders in their Letters of the 3d: August and 7th; September.

JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY
Present
TUESDAY 26TH: JAMES WHEELER
&
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

This day the Councell recd; a G Letter from the Cheif and Councell at Madapollom, Intimateing that in the time of Mr: ffields Cheifship here, there was an order made for the sending to the Honoble: Compas: Eygybb at Golcondah after

the arrivall of our shipps 4: yards scarlett, some Sandall Wood, and some spectacles on a Letter received by them from the said Egybb, that hee was faine to promise the abovsaid perticulars to the Cirkeells and Madanass Bramenys, to gett admittance [to make his] Complaynts of the abuses of this towne [Governr] to ye : Honoble : Companys affaires, and their [. . .] it being not entred in Consultation, enquiry [. . .] the Cheif Brameny whoe Confirmed [. . .] us, and to Mr : ffield &ca now writeing th[at the said] Egybb had lately wrote to him Concerning [. . .] ordered the sending to the Honoble : Company [. . .] scarlett 2 : Maund Sandall and 6 : paire spec-[tacles.] 26TH :

JAMES [WHEELER.]
TIMOTHY [HARRIS.]

THURSDAY 28TH :

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
JAMES WHEELER
&
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Sancordas accquainteing the Councell hee came to Bargaine for 30 halfe ℘'s Green Broadcloth they demanded of him 26 pagods : ℘ halfe peice and seeing he would by no means be brought up to it, they stood hard for 25 wch : after a long debate he would not come to 24½ pa : they told him would sell him 20 halfe peices at 24 pagods : ℘ half peice, About an houre after hee came againe and would have bought 25½ ℘s more of redd but the Councell and hee could not agree on the price Seeing hee would by noe meanes bee brought higher then 22 : pagods : ½ ℘s: which wee told him could not accept and that hee himselfe last yeare bought about 100 : ℘s : at times at 25 : pagods : ℘ ½ peece the broad cloth was as good now as then, therefore wee knewe noe reason to lower the price, to which hee replyed that then Broadcloth bore a good price at Golcondah which was the onely Mart for it and that now it is much ffallen there, wherefore hee could give noe more and soe departed : then the Councell makeing enquiry by the Cheif Dubash of other Merchts : yt : were noe buyers who affirmed the same to bee true, whereas Broadcloth was much fallen in price at [Golcondah . . .] the [. . . . . .] world the said summe has not been since paid him by any successor, therefore he now expects it from us, haveing lately acquainted Mr : Sayon wth : the Same, who advised the Agent &ca : Councell there wth : and they haveing thought good in their Gennerall of the 21st : Septembr : last to order the payment thereof wth : an addition if occasion requires, and the Councell now taking into Consideration, how necessary tis to oblige him our ffreind before hand, hearing of some Interlopers in Bengall, and fearing they may be early after the breaking upp of the Monsoone come upon this Coast to help make up their Loading wch : will be a great Impediment to our Honoble : Masters affaires, tis therefore ordred yt : he be privately presented wth : 400 pagods : vizt : 250 due to him and 150 an addition, if he will promise to doe the Honoble : Compa : the like peece of service this year, by obstructing all Interlopers from trading or haveing any product in any ℘t : of his Government.

R : FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

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[28TH :] The Cheif &c[a] : Councell gave the Governour a visett.

The Dutch Cheif Came to visett the Cheif.

Received a Gennerall from the Right Worsp[l] : Agent and Councell at Madrass.

Accanas Shipp arrived from Madapollam.

[OCTOBER] MUNDAY YE : 9TH : This day the Councell mett but finding noe business to proceed upon returned to their Lodgings.

10 Dispatched a Gennerall to Madapollam.

11 Received a Gennerall from Pettepollee.

Accanas ship sailed for Pollicatt.

This day the Avaldar seized our Tayler and put him in prison.

12 Dispatched a Gennerall to the Right Worsp[ll] : Agent and Councell at Madrass.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 12TH :

Present

MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR : JAMES WHEELER
MR : TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Mauhm[d] ; Edgdee, a Persian who hath ℘ severall years laid claime to a peece of ground in the midle of this ffactory and given our predecessors and selves Continuall trouble about keeping it, the business now being brought to an agreement for pago[ds] : 157 he signing a lease for said ground to y[e] : Hono[ble] : Comp[a] : for Ninety nine years, before the Codgee &c[a] : officers of this place, and severall other eminent Persians who have sett their hands and seales [to y[e]] said Lease in wittness thereof, tis therefore ordred [the] 157 pago[ds] : be Imediately paid him according to agreement.

The Governour of this place pretends he hath much befriended us in y[e] : makeing up [of] this business, [and] that the owner of the ground [hath spent] more then he receives, in the procurement of orders from Court to have right and Justice done him here, therefore desires us to Consider him, and give him some small Tashareife, that he may goe away Contended, w[ch] : to oblige the Governour, the Councell have thought fit to present the aforesaid Mauhm[d] : Edgdee w[th] : 3 yards Broadcloth rosewater and beetle w[ch] : was gratefully received by him.

R. FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

13. The Cheif went to visett the Dutch.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MUNDAY 16TH :

Present

MR : ROBERT FFREEMEN CHEIF
MR : JAMES WHEELER
MR : TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Merchants as yett haveing brought in noe Cloth from the washers, (tho : dayly pressed to it) occasion[d] : as they say, by great raines that detard the well making it up, but promise in a weeks time if a little faire weather presents,

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to bring in Considerable quantety, the Cheif and James Wheeler being some wt: indisposed to health, and for ye: Better recovery thereof tis thought fitt they goe to Madapll: and returne againe wth: in a weeke, and that ye: Honoble: Compas: concerns in this factory be dd into ye: care and Custody of Timothy Harris. [16TH:]

R. FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.

The Cheif and Mr: Wheeler went to Madapollam. 16.

This day the Avaldar made ye; Tayler pay him 300 pagods: and then released him. 18.

The Avaldar gave the Dutch a visett. 19.

Noe Consultation this day the Cheif and James Wheeler being at Madapollam. THURSDAY DTO:

Noe Consultation this day the Cheif and James Wheeler being not returned from Madapollam. MUNDAY 23.

This day Robert ffreeman and James Wheeler returnd from Madapollam. 24.

the Councell mett but found nothing to proceed upon. THURSDAY 26.

received a Gennerall from Pettepollee. 27.

ATT A CONSULTATION MUNDAY YE: 30TH:

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR: JAMES WHEELER
MR: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Merchants this day brought their Saile Cloth for Sorting wch; proving Considerably worse then that of Last years, the Councell enquired of them the reason why they brought it in so bad, and Contrary to their Contract of Muster, their answere is that last year was but a small quantety provided, and then only by this ffactory, now Madapollam and Pettepollee provides the same and but one ꝑt: of this Country affords that sort of Cloth Soe that they are forced to take such as [they] Can gett the weavers not valuing their Contracts [but] if they dislike it, one of the other 2 ffactoryes [are] ready to receive [it] they doe affirme that they pay [. .] price for it now then Last year, not wth: Standing their reason alleaged the Councell thought fitt to demand of them an abatement proportionable to the difference that ye: Honoble: Compa; may not bee too great sufferers, but they refused to abate any thing therefore tis order'd that said cloth be laid by in a Goedowne and not Sorted till advice thereof be given to the Right Worspll: Agent and Councell and an answere Returned how wee shall dispose of it.

R: FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Dispatched a gennerall to Pettepollee. 31
Dispatched a gennerall to ye; Right Worspll: Agent and Councell at Madrass.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 2D:

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR: JAMES WHEELER
MR: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Mr:chants now bring in their Cloth apace this ffactory not being furnished wth: Goedowns or roome to house it in and here being a Convenient peece of Ground wth: an old house upon it fronting the factory to be purchased at an easie rate, as wee have allredy acquainted the Right Worspll: Agent &ca: who have Considered thereof and thought fitt to allow the buying it, and Erect a substantiall Goedowne thereon, as appears by their genll: of the 26 September, the Councell have therefore Contracted for Said peece of ground and house at 100 pagods: price, and have ordred the building of a shed or slight place for the present use to lay bales in secure from wett, (till Such time as timbers &ca: Materialls can be brought from Madapollam where they are to be procured Cheaper) and fitt for future service.

The Cash Booke was examined read and passed and the Ballance thereof found to be pagods: 41964: 2: 1 the Warehouse book was allsoe Called for read and passed likewise the stewards Accot: for the month of October being as followes.

R. FFREEMAN.

Charges dyett	33: 25: 0
Charges Gennerall	75: 21: 3
Charges Extraordinary	36: 4: 0
Accot: Repaires	11: 27: 0
Accot: Stores	59: 31: 3
Servants Wages	123: 18: 0
House Rent	15: 0: 0
pagods:	355: 19: 0

R: FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

THE HONOBLE: COMPAS: CASH *Dr*

		Pago ds	fa	ca
1682. October 5th:	To Ballance of last month Accot: received from James Wheeler.	27421	2	1
	To Accot: Currant ℘ ship Loyall Resolun:	15000	0	0
	Pagods:	42421	2	1

Pr: Contra *Cr*

		Pagods	fa.	ca.
1682. October 7.	By purchase of a peece of ground from Maumud Edgdee in the factory for 99 years.	157	0	0
13.	By Timothy Harris on Accot: factory disbursements.	300	0	0
31.	By Ballance remaining in Cash chest.	41964	[2	1]
	Pagods:	42421	2	1

R. FFREEMAN.

Dispatched a gennerall to ye: Right Worspll: Agent & Councell at Madrass and Musters of the saile cloth.

4 Dispatched a Gennerall to Pettepollee.

6 [Rec]eived letters from ye: Egyb at Gol[cundah.]

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This day the Councell mett but found noe business to proseed upon. MUNDAY Y^{E}: 6.

The Chief gave y^{e}: Governour a visett.

Received a Gennerall from Pettepollee. 9

Received a Gennerall from Madapollam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY Y^{E} : 9TH.

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
M^{R}: JAMES WHEELER
M^{R}: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

A Persian Merchant in this towne by name Mauhm^{d}: Cossin haveing Brought some Musters before y^{e}: Councell, of Sallamp^{rs}: for sale, they were this day well veiwed and wee haveing Received orders from the Right Worsp^{ll}: Agent and Councell to buy up all sorts of Cloth that may be thought proper for England, to supply the Tunnage this yeare if occasion bee and the Better to prevent Interlopers (if any should arrive from Bengall) for getting any, tis therefore ordered that the said Sallampores be bought for Acco^{t}: of the Hono^{ble}: Company at 18 pago^{ds}: ℔ Corge w^{ch}: is the lowest price the owner can be brought to, and Essteemed by the Councell to be worth that money, and sent for England by the first Ship under a different Number from any Contracted for, wth: the Hono^{ble}: Companyes Merchants.

R: FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Received a Gennerall from the Right Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell at Madrass. 11.

Received a gennerall from Madapollam. 13.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY Y^{E}: 13TH.

M^{R} : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R} : JAMES WHEELER
M^{R} : TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Corkana of this Towne or Sub Governour wanting 3 y^{ds} : of Broadcloth for a Pallenkeen Pingeree, Sent to this factory to buy it, but he being an officer that does petty Justice and some times our people upon severall small differences are forced to apply themselves to him, who has allwayes behaved himselfe to us Civilly and respectfully, and the better to Continue his ffriendship, now in a time of great business comeing on, the Councell thinke fitt and order he be presented wth: y^{e}: 3 yards of Broadcloth.

R: FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Received a Gennerall from Madapollam. 15.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY YE: 16TH.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: JAMES WHEELER
MR: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Hono[ble]: Companyes Cloth Comeing in very slowly (and the Ship Loyall Resolution Expected here in few dayes) the Merchants were called before the Councell, who acquainted them w[th]: the same, and all persw[a]sions, and threats necessary were used, to heasten them the bringing in their Cloth, but they declare themselves in noe fault, but y[e]: ill Governm[t]: in all parts of the Country impeeds us comeing in faster, & that they will now goe themselves to y[e]: washers houses and sitt night and day there for y[e]: Speedier dispatch of it, and require 4 dayes absence and the assistance of some Rajapoot Peons the better to keep the washers to their business w[ch]: the Councell thinks fitt to allow of, and have therefore ordred them 10 peons to attend them.

R: FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

19. Received a Gennerall from the Right Wors[p[ll]:] Agent &c[a]: Councell at Madrass.

[Disp]atched a gennerall to Pettepollee.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY YE: 20TH.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR: JAMES WHEELER
MR: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Hono[ble]: Comp[as]: Boatemen haveing mett w[th]: Some oppresion from the Governour of this place in y[e]: Month of May last, who forced from them 240 p[a]: which summe they borrowed at high Intrest, and the English not being able to protect them against y[e]: Governo[rs]: Tiranny, they Could not allow to lett out their Boates at 1 pago[d]: ℘ turne as formerly, but demanded 2 pago[ds]: ℘ boate w[ch]: y[e]: then Cheif &c[a]: Councell Considering of, thought fitt to allow them, but since the present Councell have taken it into Consideracōn that y[e]: Hono[ble]: Comp[a]: ought not to Suffer for their Crimes or differences, w[ch]: gives the Governo[r]: a specious pretence upon them, and therefore have used many arguments and threats to reduce them to the former rate of 1 pago[d]: ℘ boate, w[ch]: after much ℘swasion, and many promises, that wee would use our best Endeavours to keepe the Governo[r]: from future abusing them, provided they behaved themselves regarlarly, Eight of them have agreed to take the former rate of 1 pago[d]: and to lend them 80 pago[ds]: before hand upon the Hono[ble]: Comp[as]: Acco[t]: to fitt their boates w[th]:, and worke it out, w[ch]: the Councell well Considering the advantage that does and may arise thereby have thoug[ht] good to allow it them and order y[e]: present payment thereof, and their bill to be taken for said sume, and a tashareife of 1 ℘s Beetelaes to each of them, w[ch]: was this day accordingly Performed and the Boatemen whose names are as followeth viz[t]:

CULLURE MADANA.	CULLURE VISSANA.
POTRAZE ANTRAVEED.	POTRAZE WARDA.
POTRAZE VENKATEPUTTEE.	OCCUNNURA KRISNA.
CONURE RANGA.	BERUM YELLA.

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are firmly bound, and their succesours to serve the Hono[ble] : Company at the aforementioned rate soe long as the sunne and moone endureth. [20TH]

R : FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present · THURSDAY YE 23RD.

MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR : JAMES WHEELER
MR : TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Hono[ble] : Companyes Merchants haveing not for severall dayes brought in any Considerable quantety of Cloth were this day summond before y[e] : Councell who enquired of them y[e] : reason for their soe gre[at] delay now the time of shipping might be hourly [Ex]pected from Bengall ? their answere is that y[e] : fault [is] wholly [of] the washers, and beaters, and that [severall] Merchants [of] this place being bound for Mocha [. . .] this year had goods in their hands to Cure, and would be served before them ; tis therefore ordred that an address be Imediatly made to the Avaldar to acquaint him thereof and 40 peons sent to attend y[e] : washers and prevent them from working upon any other goods but the Hono[ble] : Comp[as] :, the Avaldar requests 4 Cases of strong waters for his Master Meirza Ebrahim, the Councell therefore thinke fitt he be presented w[th] : them to oblige his assistance now in time of need.

R : FFREEMAN.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

At about 11 of y[e] : clock this night came answer from y[e] : Avaldar that he would take Care y[t] : y[e] : Washers & Beaters w[ch] : belongs to the Hono[ble] : Comp[a] : should not be employed by any other.

Yesterday came a gennerall from Vizagapatam requireing 2000 p[ds] to be sent them and 9 yards scarlett, w[ch] : the Councell orders to be sent them.

This day came a Gennerall from Madapollam w[th] : 10 peons for 10000 pago[ds] : to be sent them, w[ch] : was Consigned to that ffactory upon ship Resolution & is accordingly done.

This day a Gennerall to y[e] : ffort was read and passed and dispatched to y[e] : Right Worsp[ll] : Agent &c[a] : Councell.

Arrived a Gennerall from the Right Worsp[ll] : Agent &c[a] : Councell at Madrass.

M[r] : Richard Browne Arrived from Madrass. [2] 4

Received a letter from the Egyb at Golcundah. [2] 6
Dispatched a Gennerall to Madapollam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MUNDAY YE : 27TH.

MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR : JAMES WHEELER
MR : RICH[D] : BROWNE
MR : TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Amiss Mea a Merchant of this place offring to buy 100 Candy of the Hono[ble] : Comp[as] : lead at 10 pago[ds] : ℔ Candy to bee deliverd him halfe at Golcundah and

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[27TH.] halfe at Muccapett but the money to be paid here, and the Councell Considering yᵉ: great quantety that leys on hand and the few buyers that present, have thought fitt to accept of the offer and doe therefore order yᵉ: Imediate weighing of it and sending it to the two forementioned places.

R: FFREEMAN.
RICHᴰ: BROWNE.
JAMES WHEELER.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

28. Dispatched a Gennerall to Pettepollee.

30. Ship Loyall Resolution arrived from Madapollam.

THURSDAY Yᴱ: 30TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
Mᴿ: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
Mᴿ: RICHARD BROWNE
Mᴿ: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

A Merchant of Golcundah by name Gop [ah] Narsoe haveing desired 5½ ꝑs of the Honᵇˡᵉ: Compa[nys] Broadcloth [to be] sent him at 23 pagoᵈˢ: ꝑ ½ ꝑs read [. .] the Councell therefore order his desires be forth wᵗʰ: Complyed wᵗʰ:, This day the ship Loyall Resolution arriveing into this road, tis ordred wᵗ: bales in readiness of the Honᵇˡᵉ: Compᵃˢ: be Loaden on Board her wᵗʰ: all Expedition and dispatch her to ffort Sᵗ: George.

R: FFREEMAN.
RICHᴰ: BROWNE.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Novembʳ:	Cash Dr	Pagoᵈˢ:	fa.	ca.
1.	To ballance of last moˢ: Acco: in Cash Chest.	41964	2	1
30.	To James Wheeler for goods sold out of yᵉ: Warehouse	1154	18	0
	Pagods: ...	43118	20	1

	Pr: Contra Cr		Pagoᵈˢ:	fa.	ca.
4.	By Timothy Harris on Accoᵗ: ffactory disbursmᵗˢ:		300	0	0
6.	By Accoᵗ: Presents to yᵉ: Governour in money.		400	0	0
18.	By Timothy Harris on Accoᵗ: ffactory Expences.		300	0	0
	By Accoᵗ: Sallary Pd: to yᵉ: following ꝑ sons being due the 29th: ultimo: vizᵗ:				
	Vincent Sayon for 5 moˢ: 9 dayes to yᵉ: 7ᵗʰ: Septembʳ: at 30 ĩĩ ꝑ annum yᵉ: ½ is pa:	15: 22: 3			
	Robert ffreeman 6 moˢ: at 30 ĩĩ ꝑ anñ	17: 28: 0			
	James Wheeler 6 moˢ: at 20 ĩĩ ꝑ anñ	11: 30: 4			
	Timothy Harris 6 moˢ: at 20 ĩĩ ꝑ anñ	11: 30: 4			
	ffrancis Bett 6 moˢ: at 10 ĩĩ ꝑ anñ	11: 30: 4			
	Zouch Troughton 2 moˢ: at 10 ĩĩ ꝑ anñ	3: 34: 1	72	32	4
20.	By Cash lent 8 Boatemen to worke out.		80	0	0
	By Accoᵗ: presents in 8 ꝑs Beetelaes to 8 Boatemen to Continue them in yᵉ: Honoᵇˡᵉ: Compaˢ: Employ at 1 pᵃ: ꝑ turne in this Roade.		6	18	0
	By Accoᵗ: presents to yᵉ: Governoʳ: in 4 cases strong water.		12	[. . . .]	
23.	By Accoᵗ: Currᵗ: ffort Sᵗ: George sent this day to Mʳ: Geor[g]e Ramsden Cheif &cᵃ: Councellor Vizagapatam.		[. . .]		
30.	By James Wheeler for Ballance of his Accoᵗ: as ꝑ warehouse Booke.		529	10	[...]
	By Ballance remaining in Cash Chest.		39417	31	[...]
	Pagodaes		43118	20	1

R: FFREEMAN.

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Dispatched a Gennerall to the Right Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: at y^{e}: Fort. ℘ M^{o}:
This day sent a Gennerall to Pettepollee wth: a Muster of our sailecloth. 2.
Capt: Richard Goodlad and his son came hither from Madapollam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MUNDAY 4TH.

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

The Councell haveing often discoursed the Merchants and used all ℘swasive arguments imaginable to induce them to a proporconable abatement upon the saile cloth w^{ch}: they have endeavour to evade for the reasons given in the Consultation of 30th: October last, alleadgeing that it stands them in more this year then formerly when it came out better, but it being fully demonstrated to them how greatly prejudiciall it would be to y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Company and that twas unreasonable to thinke they would be satisfied to have it soe much inferiour to w^{t}: formerly sent them, without an abatement agreeable to the difference between the Cloth and Muster, were at length prevailed wth:, tho not wth: out some difficulty to abate 8 ℘ cent upon the whole, and ye Councell Considering that it might be much more out of our hono^{ble}: Masters way to turne it upon their hands againe in regard of the large tonnage required this year, and in case an Interloper should import here, to prevent their being supplyed wth: soe Considerable a quantity of goods if we should refuse the same thinke it Convenient to close [wth] y^{e}: Merchants upon the tearmes aforesaid finding it imp[ossi]ble to ℘swade them to a greater abatement but wth: this [provisoe ?] that if at [Pette] pollee more be abated they should [doe . . .] w^{ch}: they were very hardly brought to by reason great part of the Cloth comes up to the Musters w^{ch}: it is probably may not come out soe well in the other factoryes. The Cash booke was called for and Examined and the ballance found to be pago^{ds}: 39417: 31: 3.

R: FFREEMAN.
R. BROWNE.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

This day was sorted by the Chief &c^{a}: Councell 1650 ℘s Sallamp^{rs}: fine & 4TH.
Percollaes 1200 ℘s.

Received this day a Genn^{ll}: letter from y^{e}: Fort by a Madap^{ll}: peon. 5.
This day was sorted by y^{e}: Chief &c^{a}: Councell y^{e}: following goods.

Sallamporees ordinary	800 ℘s.
Percollaes	600 ,,
Booke Percollaes	350 ,,
Sallamporees fine	150 ,,

This day was sorted by y^{e}: Cheif &c^{a}: Councell 2440 ℘s Saile cloth. 6TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY THE 7TH.

Present

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: TIMOTHY HARRIS.

Severall Merchants belonging to this Towne brought musters to the Councell of sundry sorts of goods for sale w^{ch}: were well veiwed, It is therefore resolved

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[7TH] in complyance to the Right Worspll : ye : Agent and Councell orders to buy up what goods procureable proper for England to supply the large tonnage ordered this year and thereby to disappoint Interlopers (if any should import here from Bengª : from getting any) To agree wth : the said Merchants for the following goods at the prizes hereunder mentioned being the lowest could bring them to, the Councell esteeming them good and Cheap and well worth the money vizt :

of Mauhmd : Cossin 802 ℔s ordinary sallamprs : at [15 ?] pª : ℔ corge
of Bulla Vincatte Kisna 150 dto : Fine at 25 pª : ℔ corge
of Errapellee Gungara 202 dimityes at 30 pª : ℔ corge
282 dto · Narrow at 15 pª :

of Quolla Narsoe 202 sheets at 32½ pª : ℔ corge, and the Councell order that the said goods be imediately sorted and imbaled to be sent for England upon ship Resolution under a distinct nomber from any Contracted for wth : the Honoble : Companyes Merchants.

The Warehouse Booke was called for read and passed allsoe the Stewards Accots : of Expences for the last month wch : is vizt :

Charges Dyett	44 :	1 :	5
Charges Generall	90 :	3 :	5
Charges Extraordinary	4 :	0 :	0
Charges building a shedd to putt the Compas : bales in.	53 :	20 :	0
Accot : Stores	138 :	27 :	3
Accot : Servants Wages	125 :	18 :	0
Pagods :	455 :	35 :	1

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

7TH This day was sorted by the Cheif &cª · Councell 5600 ℔s Allejaes.

8. This day was sorted by ditto the following goods.

Morees Madarpack	202 ℔s.
Sallamporees fine	150
Saile cloth.	2200

Ship Prospect imported here from Madapollam.

9. This day was dispatch't 10 Peons to lye upon the roade to Madrass that on all occasions we might receive and send advices thither in 5 or 6 dayes time being accustomary at this season of ye : year.

This day was sorted by the Chief and Councell ye · following goods.

Dymityes	242 ℔s.
Large Dyapers	362
Small Ditto	282
Sallampores fine	900

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MONDAY 11TH

MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD BROWNE
MR : TIMOTHY HARRIS,

Haveing laden on Board ship Loyall Resolution all the goods wee have in a readyness at present, it is therefore resolved to dispatch her for Pettepollee this day, not thinking convenient to detaine her any longer here till more be imbaled, but that what more can be gott in a readyness wth : in a day or two be sent after her to Pettepollee in Boates and Consigned to the Cheif and Councell there to be by them laden on board her for Accot : of the Honoble : Company.

Mr : Timothy Harris being ordered by the Right Worspll : the Agent &ca : Councell to be second of Pettepollee and haveing deliverd up the Acco[t] Bookes and papers in his Charge, it was thought requisite that he should repaire thither upon ship Resolution, they very much wanting his assistance in this busie time.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

This day were sorted by the Cheif &ca : Councell the following goods. 10TH.

Carpetts	20 ℘s
Percollaes	600
Chints	202

This day were sorted by the Cheif &ca : Councell 2560 ℘[s] saile cloth. 11.

This day a pergoe arrived here from Bengall laden wth : Rice sugar Arrack &ca : belonging to Mr : Bugden, the surangoi thereof informes us that the Defence Williamson Nathall : Society & [*lacuna in the original*] were arrived there and that Agent Hedges was gone to Dacca to treat wth : the Nabob. 12.

This day were sorted by the Cheif &ca : Councell 1440 ℘s Saile cloth.

The Success Capt · Henry Banes Comander belonging to Bombay imported here from Chitty Gome being put by Ballasore road by a violent storme, in wch : she lost all her Masts, and intends in a day or two for Madapollam to repair. 13.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 14TH.

MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR : RICHARD BROWNE.

Sankerdos a merchant of this place haveing formerly treated wth : the Councell about some of the Honoble : Companyes Broadcloth, but could not then agree upon [the] price as ℘ Consultation of 28th : September and this [day came] offering [to buy] 10 halfe peices and 11 · yards was [. . wth :] to give 23 pagods : ℘ halfe peece wch : the Councell accepted of and doe therefore order the delivery of the same to him.

Mr : James Wheeler being appointed 2d : at Madapoll . this day deliverd up the Warehouse booke &ca : papers in his Custody wch : were deliverd to Richard Browne and then had the Councells licence to repaire to the station appointed him at Madapollam.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
TIMOTHY HARRIS.

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TH :] Mr: Wheeler went hence to Madapollam, and Capt: Goodlad and his son to Pettepollee intending thence upon ship Resolution to Madrass, and soe for England.

15. Mr: Richard Gresham and his wife arrived here from Madras being ordered by the Right Worspll: Agent and Councell third of this ffactory, and brought wth: him our Muster of ordinary Sallamporees formerly sent them for their veiw.

17. Mr: Robert Bowyer arrived wth: his wife being ordered fourth of this ffactory.

The Governour Mauhmd: Alley Beague haveing often before and this day sent to the Cheif that he would give him a visett at the ffactory or receive one from him, twas thought more Convenient to waite upon him at his house in Goodrowe Soe this evening the Chief and second went accordingly and were civilly entertained by him at Supper.

MUNDAY 18TH:

AT A CONSULTATION
Present
MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Agent and Councell at the Fort haveing now Compleated ye: Councell of this ffactory, who being all mett thought it requisite that every ℘son belonging hereto should have a ℘ticular charge assigned them according to their stations and to take upon them their respective imployments according to the established rules and orders.

1. Robert ffreeman cheif to keep the dyary Consultations and Cash Booke and to pass the same monthly in Councell.

2. Richard Browne second Accomptant to keep the gennerall bookes, and booke of Invoyces and tho : not yett begun this year to take speciall care that they be brought up and Ballanced by the 30th: Aprill next ensueing and wn: brought up to have them allwaies in that readyness as to be monthly read and passed according to orders.

3. Richard Gresham third Warehouse keeper to keep the warehouse and to bring in the Ballance of that Accot: for what goods sold by him wch: to be read and passt in Councell monthly, allsoe to inspect the measureing what cloth shall be brought in browne, and to receive none that are not of full [ ] for Lengths and breadths and to see to the well packing and even sortment, wch: our honoble: imployers [soe] often complaine of.

4 Robert Bowyer fourth Purser to keep [Accot:] of all dis[burse]ments made on accot: of charges [Gennerall] &ca: which are to be read and passed in Councell monthly.

ffrancis Bett Secretary to keep upon Register the Dyary and Consultation booke, all Letters received and sent and to give his assistance in what other business of the Honoble: Compas: that may require it.

The Councell takeing into consideracon the unhealthfullness of the place and the uncertainty of mans fraile life and duracon in this world, and that the Honoble: Compas: affaires may not suffer or be neglected through any ℘sons indisposition that may render them uncapable of dischargeing their duty in the imploy appointed them, doe order that in such case those that are in perfect health doe negotiate and carry on the business for those that are indisposed wth: out any objection to wch: all ℘sons readyly Consented.

Polla Pedda Paupiah the Braminy Governour of Culloor and Wheoor gave the Chief a visit at the factory, the Councell thought it requisite to present him,

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wth: 3 yards broadcloth one maund 10 seers Sandall wood by reason great part of our goods pass through his Government thereby to oblige him to continue his freindly Correspondence wth: our Merchants in permitting their goods quiettly to pass wth: out any stops or hindrances. [18TH:]

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.
ROBERT BOWYER.

Received a letter from our Egib at Gulcondah.

Pinke saphir and ship adventure arrived here from Madapollam both belonging to Madrass. 19

This day were sorted by the Chief &ca: Councell 2640 ℘s Saile cloth.

Received a gennerall from Pettepollee wth our two ℘s Saile cloth formerly sent them for their view. 20

This day were sorted by the Cheif &ca: Councell 1350 ℘s Sallamprs: fine. [2]1

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 21ST:

MR: ROBERT FREEMAN CHEIF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER

The Governour of this towne Mauhmd: Alley Beague haveing occasion for 4 cases spiritts and two Cheeses for his Master (being Jaicey boicy time when they drinke much sherbett) and for himselfe two bales Sugar, sent to the ffactory for the same. The Councell therefore thinke it Convenient and order that he be presented wth: the same being requisite to oblige him wth: such things at this season of the year, that our business may not meet wth: any interruption and that in case an Interloper should come in, he may not have any pretence to favour him or his business.

R: FFREEMAN
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.
ROBt: BOWYER.

Mr: John ffield Cheif of Madapollom arrived here. 21

Mr: John ffield this evening gave the Governour of ye: Towne a visit, who entertain'd him at a supper and then he proceeded to Madapollam. 22.

Received a gennerall from Pettepollee wth: our 10 ℘s saile cloth.

Dispatched a gennerall to the Right Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell at the Fort. 24.

the Councell Mett but found noe business [to] proceed upon. MUNDAY 25.

this Morning Pinke Saphir sailed for Ma [drass] 26.

received a gennerall from Fort St: George. 27.

[.] the evening imported a dutch ship fro [m . . . .]

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THURSDAY THE 28TH :

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell sent for the Merchants and expressed themselves very greatly disgusted wth: them that not wth: standing they were very often advised and pressed to bring in their cloth in time and have had severall of the Honoble: Companyes peons to assist them, there was Still some quantity behind at this season, when might reasonably expect to have had ye: whole investment compleated and dispatched for England, and that wee hourly Expected our ships from Bengall, who could not tarry above two or 3 dayes at the most wth: out great danger of looseing their Voyage to wch: the Merchants answered that they had used their uttmost endeavours to accomplish this years Investment in time and were at an extraordinary charge of peons and servants for the getting in their goods but that they mett wth: great disapointmts: occasioned by the adjacent Factoryes buying of their weavers who have very much failed and baffled them in their contracts this yeare, nevertheless they assured the Councell the Cloth should be brought in as soone as possible wch : they hoped would be very little later then former year's tho the Investment much larger then ever.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICHD : GRESHAM.
ROBT : BOWYER.

31ST

Cash Dr :	Pagods:	fa.	ca.
To Ballance of last months Accot	39417	31	3
To goods sold out of the warehouse ...	241	18	0
Pagods:	39659	13	3

Per Contra Cr·				Pagods:	fa.	ca.
10. By Mauhmd : Cossin for Sallamporees Ordinary Cor. 40 : ps. 2 at 18 pagods : ℘ corge.				721	28	5
By Golla Kisna for sallampors fine 7½ cor at 25 pa :				187	18	0
By Gangaram for Madarapack Morees cor ps 10 : 2 : at 23½ pa : ℘ Corge				237	12	3
By Nunnua Sua for dymi-tyes cor ps 12 . 2 : at 30pa : ℘ Corge.	363	0	0			
Dyapers large cor ps 18 : 2 : at 30pa : ℘ Corge	543	0	0			
Dyapers narrow cor ps 14 : 2 : at 15 pa : ℘ cor.	211	18	0	1117	18	0
By Quolla Narsoe for chints cor 10 : at 32½ pa : ℘ Corge.				328	9	0
22. By Timothy Harris Accot : ffactory disburssmt :				125	0	0
By Robert Bowyer accot : ffactory expences.				300	0	0
By Gungraza Accot : Charges Merchandize.				50	0	0
By Charges Merchandize for 3 boates to Pettepollee wth : 100 Bales.				18	0	0
By Accot : presents to the Governour in 4 cases strong waters 2 bales sugar and 2 Cheeses.				19	0	0
31. By Ballance remaineing in Cash Chest.				36554	35	1
Pagodaes				39659	13	3

R : ffreeman.

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The Dutch Chief Sin^{r}: Hartsnick gave the Governor a visitt who was entertained by him at supper. ꝑm^{o}.

the Councell mett but found noe busines to proceed upon. Munday 2

The Dutch Chief sent the Governour privately a very Considerable ꝑsent in retallacon of his civill Entertainment the last night of some Japon Curiosities both of silkes and wrought gold.

Skipper Thomas, his two sons sailed hence for Madrass in a boate intending for England upon ship Resolution & requested our letter to the Right Worsp^{ll}: the Agent & Councell to grant them ꝑmission w^{ch}: we Condesended to he haveing been very serviceable to the English on sundry Accasions. 3:

Att a Consultation

Thursday 4th:

Present

M^{r}: Robert ffreeman Chief
M^{r}: Richard Browne
M^{r}: Richard Gresham
M^{r}: Robert Bowyer.

The Councell being profferd by Accana a Sheroff for the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: 3 Chests Sylver 6 $\frac{7}{16}$ pago^{ds}: ꝑseer and the ꝑson to be Contented wth: the weight specified in the Invoice the Councell accepted of the same when they found they could not possibly induce him to give more, w^{ch}: indeed is as high a price as has been knowne in this place for many years therefore judged it noe prudence to decline soe fair an offer, Considering the troubles of the Country dayly increase w^{ch}: in all probability may bring downe the price thereof, doe therefore esteeme it y^{e}: Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: interest that this oppertunity be made use of and doe hereby enorder the delivery of the said silver to the ꝑson above mentioned as the money is brought in for it.

R: ffreeman.
R: Browne.
R: Gresham.
Robt: Bow [yer.]

M^{r}: Harris and the Padre of the Lancaster arrived from Pettepollee. 4th:

Received a Gennerall from the ffort.

Att a Consultation

Present

Munday 8th.

M^{r}: Robert ffreeman Chief
M^{r}: Richard Browne
M^{r}: Richard Gresham
M^{r}: Robert Bowyer.

The Councell haveing informacon given them from ye Shabander Cattwall and Keeper of the Banksoll that they expected the usuall and yearly present to be given them thought not Convenient to disoblige them by detaineing the same, being ꝑ sons that behave themselves very obliging and Courteous to us and noe wayes prejudiceing our business, tho: by their Imployments they are capacited greatly to impeed and hinder our affaires therefore tis ordered that the Shabander be presented wth: 3 yards Scarlett, and the Cattwall & Keeper of Banksoll, each of them wth: 3 yards Broadcloth as accustomary w^{ch}: they would not accept of but returned it againe alledging they had none the last year therefore expected double this and would not be satisfied wth: less, the Councell further debateing

[8TH:] the Business, Could not Conveniently evade the Same therefore order that they be gratified therewth : rather then disgust them.

The Cash Booke was Examined read [and] passed for the last month and the Ballance the[reof] found to be [Pa] gods : 36554 : 35 : 1. The Warehou[se Booke] was allsoe Called for read and passed, likewise the Stewards Accots : for ye month of December being as followes.

Charges Dyett	74 :	5 :	3
Charges Gennerall	67 :	9 :	3
Charges Extraordinary	72 :	24 :	1½
Accot: Stores	67 :	4 :	3
Accot: Repaires	3 :	27 :	0
Servants Wages	129 :	27 :	0
Pagods ...	414 :	25 :	4½

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
R : GRESHAM.
R : BOWYER.

8. This day imported here from Bengall a Sloope belonging to Gopah Narsoe at Golcundah formerly the Dutch Dubash.

10. This day presented the Cattwall of the towne wth : [ ] yds : Broadcloth and to the Keeper of the Banksoll the like, and to the Shawbander[ ] yds: Scarlett.

Meir ffakerdeens ship imported from Madapollam.

This Evening Doctor Atkins arrived here from Madapollam being sent for to the Chief who was greatly indisposed by an ague & feavor.

11. Received a Gennerall from Madapollam advising of Ship Williamson being Arrived there.

Dispatcht a gennerall to the Rt : Worspll : Agt : &ca : Councell at ye : ffort and to Pettepolle advising of the Williamsons arrivall upon the Coast.

THURSDAY 11TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR : ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD BROWNE
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM
MR : ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell being advised from Madapollam of the Arrivall of ship Williamson Capt : Richard Warner Comandor in Emmeldee Road from Bengall, sent for the Merchants and acquainted them therewth : and were very urgent wth : them both by ꝑswasive Arguments and menacies to induce them to bring in the remaining part of the investment Contracted for that we might be able to fill the Williamson and dispatch her directly from hence to the ffort wch : would Conduce much to the Saveing her voyage, but should She be Constrained to touch at Pettepollee (wch : She must doe if wee are not able to fill her) it will very greatly endanger her voyage, likewise more peons were sent to the Washers to hasten them and the Boates gott in a readyness, that when she imported we might give her a quick and early dispatch hence.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
R : GRESHAM.
R : BOWYER.

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John de Marke an Armenian his ship this day arrived from Pegue. 12.
This Evening the Padre of the Lancaster went hence to Madapollam.
Received a Gennerall from Madapollam accompanying one to us from Hughly with another from the R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: the Governour of the Hono^{ble}: English East India Company.
The Dutch Chief of Bimlepatam Seno^{r}: Florres Bulworke [?] arrived here by Boate.
Received a Gennerall from Madapollam. 14.
A great unusuall Raine fell the last night w^{ch}: did much prejudice being never before knowne at [this ?] season of the year.

Att a Consultation

Present

M^{R}: Robert ffreeman Chief — Munday 15TH:
M^{R}: Richard Browne
M^{R}: Richard Gresham
M^{R}: Robert Bowyer.

The Councell of this ffactory being Compleat & full and by the Established Rules, three horses are allowed for their use and a young Arab being profferd for sale the Councell thought good to buy the same being a fitt and well proporc̄on beast for our use and esteemed a pennyworth it is therefore hereby ordered that pago^{ds}: 189 be deliverd the owner for him.

R: ffreeman.
R: Browne.
R: Gresham.
Rob^{T}: Bowyer.

Dispatcht a Gennerall to Madapollam.

A Dutch Ship sailed hence for Pollicatt. 16.

Received a Gennerall from Pettepolle wth: 3 ℔s Sailecloth. 17.

Received a Gennerall from Madapollam.

Dispatcht a Genn^{ll}: to the R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell at Madrass.

Embaled and sorted this day 1000 ℔s Oringall Beetelaes w^{ch}: made 5 Bales.

This day were sorted by the Chief &c^{a}: Councell vizt: 18.

14 Bales Sallamporees Severall sorts	2100	℔s
5 D^{to}: Percollaes severall sorts	1500	℔s
2 D^{to}: Book Percollaes.	700	℔s

Att a Consultation

Present

M^{R}: Robert ffreeman Chief — Thursday 18TH:
M^{R}: Richard Browne
M^{R}: Richard Gresham
M^{R}: Robert Bowyer.

The Councell being profferd by Ocula acharr & Añum, Dutch M^{r}ch^{ts}: 800 peeces Oringall Beetelaes, and upon vciw found them to exceed our head Muster and understanding our Merchents could not bring in the full proportion of that sort,

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[18TH:] The Councell order in conformity to the Agent and Councells directions the buying the said 800 peeces at 25 pagods : ℔ corge being the lowest could bring the owners to accept of and resolve imediately to sort and Embale the same that they may goe home upon ship Williamson.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
R : GRESHAM.
R : BOWYER.

19TH : This day were sorted by the Chief &ca : Councell vizt :
3 bales Allejaes Conts : peeces 300.
5 — Golcundah Beetelaes 1500 ℔s

20TH : This day were sorted by the Chief &ca : Councell 18 bales Izzarees 2 sorts Conta : peeces 3600.

21. Ship Williamson Capt : Richard Warner imported here from Madapollam.

Dispatcht Letters to the ffort Pettepollee [and M]adapollam

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 22TH :

MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN
MR : RICHARD BROWNE
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM
MR : ROBERT BOWYER.

Yesterday the Williamson Capt: Richard Warner Cōmander imported here from Madapollam and the Capt : gave into the Councell a paper wherein he declares his Ship could not receive above 200 Bales more, it was thereupon resolved to Lade on Board her imediately 200 Bales of our finest goods and to give the Capt : his dispatch for ffort St : George soe Soone as the Boates returned and that we were satisfied he could receive noe more, and the Councell desired the Capt : ingen[u]ously to declare the just Number as near as he could guess they could be able to Stow for that we had goods more then enough to fill her and that he could not be dispatcht untill his ship was Compleatly full and if 200 Bales were not sufficient it would occasion his stay at least a day longer wch : at this season might prove of ill Consiquence, but upon Capt : Warners declareing bonafide he imagined his ship could not take in that Number, the Councell Concluded to send but the 200 Bales aforementioned.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
R : GRESHAM.
R : BOWYER.

[2]2. Received a Gennerall from Vizagapatam.

Sorted this day by the Chief &ca : Councell Vizt :
64 Bales Sailecloth Conta : 2560 peeces.
5 dto : oringall Beetelaes sevll: 600
5 dto : Golcundah Beetelaes 1500

23. Mr : ffield Chief of Madapollam and all his Councell arrived wth : us about noone.

Dispatcht Letters to Madrass.

Sorted this day the Chief &ca : Councell Ba 17 : Romalls qts : 3400 ℔ :

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF — THURSDAY THE 25TH:
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Winds haveing blowne soe strong Easterly these two dayes that none of our Boates Could possibly reach the Williamson wth: our goods wch: have been Laden upon them ever since her arrivall in this Road, but the last night the wind being some thing more favourable they all gott on Board and being informed by them that the Williamson can receive 100 Bales more tis therefore resolved to send off two hundred more this evening, & that the Capt: be dispatcht to Morrow wth: out faile directly to the ffort and that noe more time may be lost wch: is soe presious at this season of the year, least it should endanger his passage.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
R: GRESHAM.
R[OBT :] BOWYER.

This day were sorted by the Chief &ca: Councell vizt: 25.

3 Ba:	Romalls Containing	℘s 600
3 ,,	Oringall Beetelaes	600
3 ,,	Sallampores	450
2 ,,	Golcundah Beetelaes	500
2 ,,	15 Coveds Percollaes	600
1 ,,	ditto of severall sortes...	225
2 ,,	Cummum Beetelaes	280

This day were sorted by the Cheif &ca: Councell vizt: 26.

15 ba:	Allejaes Containing	1500 ℘s
5 ,,	Oringall Beetelaes	920
4 ,,	ditto. bought for ready money	800
2 ,,	Izzarees	300
3 ,,	Sallamporees	420
2 ,,	Romalls	300
1 ,,	Chints...	80
1 ,,	Musters severall sorts	29

Ship Williamson Capt: Richard Warner Comander was dispatcht directly for ffort St: George wth: wt: of our goods he could take in.

Mr: ffield &ca: went hence to Madapollam.

This day were sorted by the Chief &ca: Councell 4ba: Carpetts qts:69 ℘s, 46: ba: Sailecloth qts: 1340 ℘s.

Dispatcht a gennerall to the ffort wth: Ship Williamsons Invoice. 28TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF — MUNDAY 28TH:
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell haveing duly debated the orders given by the Right Worspll: the Agent and Councell in their letter of 29th: December Concerning freighting

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[28TH :] a Country Ship to Carry up to the ffort the remainder of ours and Pettepolle goods and here being in this roade a very sutable ship (called the St: ffrancisco) for that designe, whereof an English man is Master, who is inclinable to imbrace the same upon reasonable tearmes tis therefore resolved that all the goods we have in a readyness of the Honoble· Compas: be Laden upon her wth· all expedicon and to dispatch her for Pettepollee to take in what is there ready, and from thence to proceed to the ffort where they may be securely housed in case of an alteracon of Government, and free from danger or any other inconveniencies.

R : FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
R: GRESHAM.
R: BOWYER.

29 Received a Gennerall from the ffort, And sorted by ye Chief &ca.

45ba :	dungarees Containing	4500	℔s
7 ,,	Cummum Beetelaes	1360	℔s
4 ,,	Sallampores	550	℔s
1 ,,	Booke Percollaes	350	℔s
1 ,,	Izzarees	100	℔s
2 ,,	Romalls	340	℔s
3 ,,	Allejaes	300	℔s

31. Dispatcht ships St: ffrancisco Mr: John Harper Master for Pettepollee.

Cash. Dr	Pagods:	fa:	ca:	Per Contra Cr	Pagods:	fa:	ca:
To Ballance of last Months Accot: in Cash Chest.	36554	35	1	7th: By Robt: Bowyer Accot: ffactory Expences.	300	0	0
				By Accot: Currt: ffort St: George for 4 Pallenkeens and furniture.	71	0	0
				By Ocula Acharr & annum, Dutch Merchants for 40: cor Beetelaes Oringall at 25pa: ℔ Corge.	1000	0	0
				By Accot: Cattle for 1 Arabian horse.	189	0	0
				31st: By Ballance remaineing in Cash Chest.	34994	35	1
				Pagods:	36554	35	1

Errors Excepted ℔ R. FFREEMAN.

THURSDAY THE 1ST FEBRUARY.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell being mett seriously debated what was absolutely requisite to present the Governour Mahmd: Alley Beague, of whose freindship wee have had many & sundry Strong evidencies both as relateing to our peaceable carrying on our Investment as allsoe great assureances of his uttmost Endeavours to discourage and disappoint any Interloper that should import here, and our this years business being ended and Concluded he has severall times signified [his] intention of visiting us at the ffactory, but well knowing how Chargeable such

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favours usuall are and y^{e}: Extraordinary expence that allwayes accompanyes them,'tis thought requisite and ordered (being noe wayes avoidable) that the Chief and 2^{d}: waite upon the Governour wth: a private present of 200 p^{a}: in ready money and 2 Chests Rose Water 2 chests Sarashwine and four Cases speritts, this the Councell Esteeme much the Cheaper way and will prove more satisfactory to the Governour himselfe, who can by this mean's conceale and secure what part thereof he pleases to his owne ꝑticular advantage, w^{ch}: by a publike invitacon to the ffactory must of Consequence be [much] larger & [more] Chargeable to the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: [and] less wellcome to the Governour who instead of the [personall] affronts and indignities put upon us, has very greatly befreinded us and our business therefore hold it Convenient to put of the Publike piscash some time longer, well knowing he will not be soe pressing for that as the private one, being both are expected, and should the William and John or any other interloper arrived it would be a very seasonable time for such a publike present and entertainement w^{ch}: would Certainly excuse the like that must necessarly be given on such an occasion. [1ST.]

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^{d}: GRESHAM.
R: BOWYER.

Dispatcht letters to the ffort Madapollam and Pettepollee. 2.

A Portuguze ship sailed for Goa.

This day was sorted by the Chief &c^{a} Councell vizt

5 ba:	Cummum Beetelaes	1000 ꝑs
3 ,,	Allejaes	300 ꝑs
2 ,,	Romalls	360 ꝑs

Ship Prospect sailed for Persia. 3.

two Englishmen that run away from y^{e}: Williamson were taken at Madapollam and sent here by M^{r}: ffield.

Received a Gennerall from Pettepollee. 4.

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MUNDAY 5TH:

Present

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM
M^{R}: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell haveing notice of some Merchants in Towne desireous to truck Golcundah Beetelaes Europe Comodities allowing the usuall price are dispose thereof for ready money and demand for the Beetelaes 3 pago^{ds}: ꝑ peece wth: out any abatement, thought fitt to embrace the motion and sent for the said Merchants who appearing before the Councell wth: a muster of the Beetelaes w^{ch}: upon view the Councell found to exceed our Muster, doe therefore order that such Europe Comodities as we have by us be deliverd them in Exchange of thier Beetelaes.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^{d}: GRESHAM.
R: BOWYER.

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[5TH:] Gupah Narso's ship sailed for Narsapore.

A Dutch Ship Sailed for Persia.

6. Received a Gennerall from Madapollam.

7. Dispatcht a Gennerall to the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca Councell at ffort St: George.

THURSDAY 8TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell being profferd a ꝑcell sallampores for sale and upon view found them to be good and Cheape thought it requisite to purchase the same [ha]veing a considerable Cash of the Honoble: Compas: [chests ?], and to prevent any Interloper that may pos [sibly] import here of such a supply and to that end it is hereby ordered yt: the same be bought sorted and made up for the Honoble: Companyes Accot: The Cash Booke was Called for read and passed for the last month and the Ballance found to be pa: 34994: 35: 1 the warehouse Booke was allsoe read and passed, likewise the stewards Accot: for the month of January being as followes.

Charges Dyett	69 : 30 : 1
Charges Gennerall	78 : 4 : 1
Accot: Stores	91 : 3 : 0
Servants Wages	132 : 13 : 3
Accot: Repaires	7 : 28 : 2½
	379 : 07 : 1½

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHd: GRESHAM.
ROBt: BOWYER.

MONDAY 12TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell mett together and the Merchants mentioned in Consultation of the 5th: Instant not being ready to receive our Europe Comodities in Exchange for their Beetelaes, they desired a little respite wch: was granted and nothing else offering for their Consideration the Councell wth: drew.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.
ROBT: BOWYER.

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Received a Gennerall from Pettepollee. [12TH]

Mier Fuckeirdeens Ship Sailed for Pegue.

Dispatcht a Gennerall to the Rt: Worspll: Agent and Councell in the Bay. 13.

Received a Gennerall from Pettepollee.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 15TH.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell being assembled ordered the delivery of 11 Candy Copper plates and 8 halfe ℔s 10 yards broadcloth in lieu of 300 peeces Beetelaes calculating the Copper plates at 64 pa: ℔ candy and the Broadcloth at 23 pa: ℔ halfe peece nothing else offering the Councell withdrew.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.
ROBT: BOWYER.

The Chief and Second gave the Governour a visit.

This day was sorted by the Chief &ca: Councell vizt:

32 ba:	Dungarees	... ...	3200 ℔s
17 ,,	Sailecloth	... ...	680
9 ,,	Dimityes...	... ...	1350
3 ,,	Allejaes ...	... ...	300

This day was sorted by the Chief &ca: Councell vizt: 16.

93 ba:	Sailecloth	... ...	3720 ℔s
7 ,,	Sallampores	... ...	950 ℔s bought for ready mony.
1 ,,	Bale Percollaes	... ...	300
1 ,,	Dimityes ...	... ...	150
1 ,,	Cummum Beteelaes	... ...	150

This day was sorted by the Chief &ca: Councell the follog: goods. 17.

32 ba:	Sailecloth...	... ...	1280 ℔s
1 ,,	Dimityes ...	... ...	150
2 ,,	Allejaes ...	... ...	200
2 ,,	Romalls ...	... ...	360
1 ,,	Percollaes...	... ...	300

John de Marks Ship Sailed for Pegue. 19.

Mr: Wheeler &ca: Arrived here from Madapollam.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MUNDAY 19TH.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell understanding from the Bramany that he had prepared and adjusted the Accots: wth: each ℔ ticular Merchant relateing to the last years Investment the Merchants were therefore sumoned before the Councell and their

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[19TH:] Accots: called for and upon examinacon there was found due to them upon Ballance pagods: Twenty four thousand four hundred fourty nine, tenn fanms: and three Cash, wch: sume agreeing wth: the Accot: taken by the Bramany and our owne Accots: whereby it appears that the goods provided by them on this last Investmt: amounted unto pagods: one hundred and Eleven thousand, one hundred fifty nine: Tenn fanms: three Cash and the moneys paid them formerly to be pagods: Eighty Six Thousand Seaven hundred and Tenn wch: gives ballance to them pagods: 24449: 10: 3 wch: is in full of all their Accots: The Councell therefore order payment to be made to each ℘ticular ℘son according to ye: ballance of their respective accounts as is hereunder expressed wch: was done accordingly and mutu[all] discharges given and received and the usuall Tasher [ieff given] ye: Merchants Braminy and Dubash wherewth: they were well contented and assured the Councell they would wth: the money now reced: proceed upon the next years Investment.

R. FFREEMAN.
R. BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.
ROBT: BOWYER.

[21] The Avaldar Mahamd: Alley Beague came this morning to the towne and gave the Chief a visitt and informed [him] of his goeing to Golcundah, and from hence went to [the] dutch ffactory.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY -22D.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell haveing dispatcht last years Investment and transmitted unto the Agent and Councell Copies of all transactions to the moth: of January doe order that the Merchants Accots: be inquired into and examined That wt: shall be found resting due to them upon Ballance may be paid them and discharges mutually given and received, That the Merchants may be dismissed into the Country to clear their Accots: and all occasions of complaint for want of puntuall complyance in the Honoble: Compas: behalfe may be removed and quite taken away that they may the readyler [*sic*] and chearfuller proceed on this years Investment as soone as the Agent and Councells orders shall arrive to direct the same, and the rather to preingage & Secure our Merchants from any clandestine engagements wth: Interlopers should they import here from Porta Nova It is therefore ordered that the Braminy draw up and state each ℘ticular Merchants Accot: soe that the Councell may have it in a readyness for their perusuall [*sic*] at their next meeting.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
R: GRESHAM.
ROBT: BOWYER.

Mr: Gyfford and Mr: Gresham went to Madapollam.

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AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF — MUNDAY 26TH:
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell meeting did conclude to goe to the Island of Due for 6: or 7 dayes to take the air and refresh themselves haveing fully compleated this last years negotiations and brought up all business to this day wch: is agreeable to the licence granted in the Consultation of 14th: January 1679 and have made Choice of this season by reason the heats in a little time more will grow soe insupportable that their will be noe stiring abroad, the Cash according as it stands on Ballanced this day in Cash book being pagods: Seventeen Thousand one hundred ninety two: Eighteen fanms: and five Cash was deliverd up to Mr: Robt: Bowyer who was strictly ordered not to be absent from the ffactory dureing the Chiefs Continuance at Due and on all needfull occasions to advise the state of affaires that should anything of moment happen or intervene that may require his returne he may have Imediate notice thereof.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.
ROBT: BOWYER.

28TH:

Cash Dr:	Pagods:	fa:	ca:
To Ballance of last month in Cash Chest.	34994	35	1
To Accot: Silver vizt: 3 Chests poiz 10411 ozs: makes seirs 1164: $20\frac{5}{6}$ to at $6\frac{7}{16}$ pagods: ℘ seere amounts to	7498	30	1
Pagods:	42493	29	2

P: Contra Cr:	Pagods:	fa:	ca:
1 By Robert Bowyer Accot: Factory Expences	300	0	0
By Accot: Presents to the Governour in money 200: Rose water 2 chests Shyrash 2 Chests Spirits 4 Cases in all 52:	[252	0	0]
26. By Robert Bowyer Accot: ffactory Expences	300	0	0
By Madula Condepa &ca: Compa: ye: Ball: of their accot:	24449	10	3
28. By Ballance remaineing in Cash Chest	17192	18	5
Pagodaes	42493	29	2

R: FFREEMAN.

Dispatcht a Generall to the ffort.

The Chief &ca: Councell went to take the [ir leisure] at Due [MARCH] 1.

Presented the Avaldar of Due &ca: [officers] wth: 6 yards Broadcloth & 20 seir sandall wood.

The Avaldar Mahamd: Alley Beague sett out for Golcundah.

Ship Rubie imported here from Madapollam.

Noe Consultation this day the Chief & Councell being at Due.

Tooke the tappas of that lay in the way to Madrass to convey letters wth speed to the ffort, all the shiping being dispatcht for Europe. 4.

Ship ffreinds Endeavour imported here from Madrass and brought a Generall letter treasure and goods. 5.

the Chief &ca: returned from Due.

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THURSDAY 8TH: ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM
M^{R}: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Agent and Councells letter of the 20th: ffebruary was read and severall ꝑticulars debated thereupon. And first it was resolved and thought requisite that the Sub Governour be waited on and ꝓingaged before the arrivall of any interloper, and that a present be made him to the amount of 25 p^{a}: in case he will promise to assist us against them and give us assureance of his endeavours to frusterate and defeat their traffique at this port.

It was likewise ordered that the Merchants be discourst concerning the Investment for the ensueing year to bee compleated and finished in the month of June & Decem^{br}:

Ordered that the severall clauses remitted us of the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: letters to the Agent and Councell be communicated to the adjacent ffactoryes.

The goods and treasure for this and [the neigh] bouring factoryes by the freinds endeavour was ordered [to be] landed and good care taken in the disimbarquing the Same Likewise agreed to discourse the Merchants about the [. . .] out cloth w^{ch}: is to a great amount and that a very res[pec]tive sortment be lookt over and w^{t}: propper and sutable for the Europe marketts be accepted of and ꝑ swasive argum^{ts}: used to induce the Merchants to part wth: it at a proporcona^{ble}: abatem^{t}:

Golcundah Beetelaes better then our Musters being offered in barter for Europe Comodities at the usuall rates for each it was held convenient to accept of the same and ordered that Lead and broadcloth be deliverd to the value of the quantity brought in.

By reason of the large investment enordered this year and that part thereof to be compleated by the month of June or July and the dayly expectacons wee have of Interlopers, it is held absolutely necessary to continue the full nomber of Peons and servants in pay, for the better carrying on of the former and disappointing of the latter.

The Cash booke was Called for read and passed for the last month and the ballance found to be pago^{ds}: 17192 : 18 : 5.

The Warehouse booke was allsoe read and passed likewise the Stewards Acco^{ts}: for the month of ffebruary being as followes.

Charges Extraordinary	45: 9: 3
Servants Wages	132: 9: 0
Charges Dyett	90: 17: 4
Charges Gennerall	95: 15: 5
Pago^{ds}:	363: 16: 0

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^{D}: GRESHAM.
ROB^{T}: BOWYER.

9 Received a gennerall from Pettepollee.

10. M^{r}: Brereton went to Madapollam [and] carryed wth: him 3 Chests of treasure and 6 bales of [goods]

Ship ffreinds Endeavour Sailed for Vi[zagap]atam.

12. MUNDAY. The Councell mett but found noe business to proceed upon.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF TURSDAY [*sic*] YE: 15TH :

M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE

M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM

M^{R}: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell haveing duely debated the Agent & Councells orders relateing to an Investment to be compleated in the month of June next to consist of the severall sortm^{ts}: and quantities the last year provided, acquainted our Merchants therewth: and finding them inclinable to evade the same used many ꝑ swasive arguments to induce them to undertake a round quantity but at this time could not possibly prevaile wth: them, but being very pressing wth: them to declare w^{t}: they would undertake in the time above Specified they declined a possitive answere and desired two or three dayes to Consider of the proposition and then would give in their finall resolution.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICH^{D}: GRESHAM.
ROB^{T}: BOWYER.

Arrived severall peons wth: treasure and a Gennerall letter from the Agent &c^{a}: Councell at the ffort.

Sent a Gennerall to Pettepollee wth : w^{t} : goods [and tre]asure came upon the ffreinds Endeavour. 16.

Dispatcht a Gennerall to Madapollam.

[. . .] Ships Arrived from Tannassaree wth: Ellephants, one [belo]nging to the King of Syam M^{r}: Samuell White Comandor [& the] other to Murgee Raja. 17.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF MUNDAY 19TH:

M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE

M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM

M^{R}: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Councell being meet the Merchants were sent for and their answear demanded to the proposition made them the last Consultation day concerning an Investm^{t}: to be finished in the month of June next in the sortments last year provided but they desired some longer time to consider thereof w^{ch}: was allowed them and after some incourageing discourse to invite them chearfully to undertake the same being the Councell perceived an unwillingness in them to ingage therein they were dismist and ordered to appear the Consultation day following, and nothing else of moment offering the Councell rose.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^{D}: GRESHAM.
ROB^{T}: BOWYER.

Received a Gennerall from Vizagapatam. 19.

the old Nabobs ship arrived from Tannassaree Laden wth: Ellephants. 20.

M^{r} : ffield arrived here from Madapollam. 21.

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ATT A CONSULTATI[ON]

Present

THURSDAY 22ND : M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM
M^{R}: ROBERT BOWYER.

The Merchants in conformity to their promise this day appeared before the Councell, and their answear concerning the investment being demanded they were very shie in contracting for an Investment in soe short a time, but being smartly discoursed thereabout and acquainted that the Comp^{as} : occasions absolutely required it and that according to the Contract made wth: Agent Master bearing date March the 31: 1679: they had obliged themselves to provide all such goods as the Comp^{a}: from time to time should require, and that if they declined what now ordered others that would undertake the same, must be imployed for that the Comp^{a}: must not be disapointed, and the Councell wished them well to Consider before they relinguished the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{as} ; imploy w^{ch}; at first they seemed very indiferent whether they were continued or noe but after much discourse they were at length prevailed wth ; to Contract for the following sortm^{ts}; of goods vizt ;

				Peeces
Sallamporees ...	...℘s10000 :	Book Percollaes	...	4000
Percollaes ...	... 4000 :	Golcundah Beete^{las} : w^{ht} :	...	1000
Allejaes ...	.. 2000 :	Romalls ...	...	2000
Oringall Beetelaes w^{ht} :	... 2000 :	Cummum Beetel^{s} : bro^{w} :	...	1000
Dimityes ...	... 500 :	Dungarees	...	6000

The forementioned species they agree [to bring] in in three months time from the date here [of but] not cured aleadging substantiall reasons for the [imposs] ibility of haveing them cured in soe short a time at this season [of] the year but have promised their uttmost endeavours [to gett] w^{t}: possibly cured within the aforesaid tim[e] and [rest ?] of them soe soone as the season will admitt and have possitively contracted to bring in the whole uncured wth: in the limited time under a penalty, if noe alteracon of governm^{t}: or Warrs. impede the same, the above mencond goods according to calculation amounts unto Pago^{ds} : 36000 : of w^{ch} : the Merchants demanded 25000 p^{a} : to be paid them in hand affirming that they must give out at least 60000 p^{a}, to gett in the quantity of goods within the limitted time, and that being but 1000 pago^{ds} : above the $\frac{2}{3}^{ds}$: for their better encouragem^{t}: the Councell consented thereto and hereby order the payment thereof the goods to be for lenths [*sic*], breadths and fineness of thread agreable to the respective Musters in last years contract and the same being ℘ticularly specified in the contract now received upon which Acco^{t}: was paid them in the presence of the Councell Pago^{ds}: 25000

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^{D} : GRESHAM.
ROB^{T}: BOWYER.

Dispatcht a letter to Maham^{d}: Alley beague, at Golcundah.

Dispatcht a Gennerall to the ffort.

The Merchants contracted for an Investment.

MONDAY 26 : The Councell mett but found noe business to proceed upon.

M^{r} : ffield went to Madapollam.

The Avaldar Maham^{d} ; Alley Beague returned from Golcundah and brought Pishcahes from the Nabob to the English and Dutch Chiefs.

[30] Nabob sent the Chief 2 Cowress of grapes.

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Cash *Dr* :	Pagods :	fa :	ca :
1. To Ballance of last mos : Accot :	17192	18	5
15. To Robert Freeman for 3 yards scarlett taken out of the Goedowne ye : 22 Xber.	6	0	0
To Broadcloth 6 yds : dd Muchee Norran the 8th : of ffebruary.	6	0	0
6. To Accot : Currt : ffort St : George for soe much brot : overland	15000	0	0
To Muchee Narran for 11 yds : Broadcloth deliverd him the mo : of January to make four Pingarees for Pallenkeens sent to ye : ffort.	8	9	0
To Cash reced : of Collone Madana &ca : boatemen in part of 80 Pagods : lent them in ye : mo : of 9ber to worke out.	30	0	0
Pagods : ...	32242	27	5

Pr : Contra *Cr* :	Cor	Ps.		Pagods :	fa :	ca :
1. By Sallampores fine 47 : 10 : 60 t: [. .] ffebruary:						
1st : Sort cor. 10 : at 32 pa : ꝑ cor.	320	0	0			
2 : 25 : at 28 ...	700	0	0			
3 : 12 : 10 at 25 ...	312	18	0			
				1332	18	0
By Sallampores ordry : 1 ꝑ for Muster sent to England being the sort of 12½pa :	0	22	3			
By oringall Beteelaes fine at 25 pa : ꝑ cor.	1	9	0			
				1	31	3
Cummum Beetelaes Muster kept in ye ; ffactory :						
2 peeces	2	33	2			
Dimity 1 Peece.	2	6	4			
				5	4	0
By R : Gresham accot : Charges Merchandze.				224	13	1
By R : Browne his travelling Expences from Madrs : hither				20		0
By R : Gresham for ditto				20	0	0
By Ditto for a wax Pallenkeen cloth wch : he affirmes ye : Rt : Worspll : Agent &ca : ordered to be allowed him				1	18	0
By Robert Bowyer Accot : Factory Expences.				300	0	0
By Madula Condepa & Compa : Merchants				25000	0	0
By Accot : Stores for Timbers & Toddy Boards				500	0	0
By R : ffreemans Journey to Madrass Cudelore & back again				50	0	0
By Accot : Presents to ye : Corkana or Deputy Governour				30	0	0
By Accot : ffreight for 302 bales loaden upon ship St : Francisco to Fort St : George by order of the Agent &ca : at 1 pa : ꝑ bale.				302	0	0
By Accot : Sallary Vizt :						
To Robert Freeman for ye : moyetie of 6 mō : comenceing from the 29th : September 1682 to ye : 25 March 1683 at 30 £ ꝑ annum is	17	27	5			
To Richard Browne for ditto	11	30	4			
To Richard Gresham	11	30	4			
To Robert Bowyer at 10 £ ꝑ ann : ye : whole.	11	30	4			
To Francis Bett at do :	11	30	4			
To Zouch Troughton at ditto	11	30	4			
				77	1	1
By Ballance Remaineing in Cash Chest				4353	14	0
Pagods :				32242	27	5

31 :

R: FREEMAN.

[The] Councell mett but found noe business to proceed upon. APRILL MUNDAY [2]

[Received] a Generall from Madapollam.

Dispatcht a Generall to Madapollam.

Mr : Bowyer deceased. 4

The Councell mett but found noe business to proceed upon. THURSDAY 5

The Councell mett but found noe business to proceed upon. MUNDAY 9.

The Chief being sick went to Madapollam that place being a better aire. 11.

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Att a Consultation Extraordinary

Wednesday 11th. *Present*

Mr: Robert ffreeman Chief
Mr: Richard Browne
Mr: Richard Gresham.

The Chief being very greatly indisposed thought it requisite to remove to Madapollam for the repaire of his Health therefore this day in order thereunto deliverd the Honoble: Companyes Cash to Richard Browne being Pagods: 4353 : fa : 14 as allsoe all papers relateing to the management of the Compas: affaires intending to returne soe soone as it shall please god to restore him to his former constitution of health.

R: ffreeman.
R: Browne.
Richd: Gresham.

Thursday the 12. Noe Consultation this day the Chief being at Madapollam.

Munday 16. Noe Consultation this day the Chief being [at Mada] pollam.

Thursday 19. Noe Consultation this day the Cheif being [at Ma] dapollam.

Munday 23. Noe Consultation this day the Chief being at Madapollam.

26. A Dutch Hooker Arrived from Pollicatt.

Thursday 29. Noe Consultation this day the Cheif being at Madapollam.
Mr: Edward Littleton in his ship Arrived from Madrass.

Munday 30. Noe Consultation this day the Chief being at Madapollam.
Skipper Thomas Kerdecoes ship Arrived from Arrakan.

May ye 2d. Mr: ffield Arrived from Madapollam.

3. Mr: ffield returned thither againe.

Thursday Noe Consultation ye: Chief being at Madapollam.
Skipper Thomases ship imported from Narsapore.
Ship Rubie returned into this road by reason of Contrary winds.

5. The Dutch Hooker Sailed for Pollicatt.

6. Munday 7. Noe Consultation this day the Chief being at Madapollam.

Thursday. 10. Noe Consultation this day the Chief being at Madapollam.

14. Mr: Littleton in his ship sailed for Bengale.

15. Mr: ffield arrived from Madapollam.

16. The Chief returned from Madapollam & Mr: ffield went to Madrass.

Thursday 17. The Councell mett but found noe business to proceed upon.

18. The Chief went to live at Gooderea.

20. Robert Bowyer deceased.

Att a Consultation

Munday 21. *Present*

Mr: Robert ffreeman Chief
Mr: Richard Browne
Mr: Richard Gresham.

The Saile cloth comeing out this last year much inferiour to what formerly provided by [Quolla] Narsoe whereupon the Councell advised the [Agent] & Councell thereof wth: their opinion that if that [sort of] goods was againe ordered

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to be provided by all the [merchants], 'twould come out in like manner, but if given to one in all [proba]billity we should have it as good as ever, and haveing [the] Agent and Councells consent, and Quolla Narsoe promising to furnish us wth : the sortment brought in by him in ye : yeare 1681 and the rest of the Merchants declining the same the Councell deliverd to Quolla Narsoe Pagods : 3000 for the provision thereof takeing his obligacon for the Same. [21st.]

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICHD : GRESHAM.

The Mougulls Egibb Hodgee Humber arrived here to settle. 22.
Arrived a Gennerall from Madapollam wth : 3 Chests of Treasure.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD BROWNE
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.
THURSDAY 24TH :

The Chief being returned from Madapollam the Gennerall Bookes of this ffactory were examined and perused by the Councell and found to Correspond wth : the Cash, Warehouse and Stewards Bookes and conforming to the Rules and Methods prescribed; were thereupon passed in Councell being ballanced to the 30th : Aprill 1683 : the Ballance whereof is pagods : 104792 : 11 : 5 : & that the aforesaid Bookes may be in some convenient time remitted to the Agent and [Councell it] is ordered that ffrancis Bett transcribe [them and] that they be finished at the furthest by the [next ?] July : And Richard Browne requesting the Councells License to repaire to the ffort agreeable to the liberty granted him by the Agent and Councell, haveing ballanced ye : Bookes, the Councell consented thereto, now yt : praised be God the Chiefs indisposition being much abated and he in a faire way of recovery.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICHd : GRESHAM.

The Dutch Hooker returned into this road being she Could not fetch Pollicatt. 26.
Dispatcht a Gennerall to the ffort to the Rt : Worspll : Agent &ca :

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD BROWNE
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.
MUNDAY 28TH

Wee haveing recd : a letter from ye : Governour of the Honoble : Compa : (firmed Josa : Child Governour) dated East India house ye : 28th : May 1682, ordering us to provide them wth : 10000 ℔s of Beetelaes according to the muster therein inclosed, wch : said Muster wee imediately sent up into the Country to two of ye : most likeliest places in all these parts for that sort of cloth to be made in and now have procured 4 peeces thereof, 2 of wch : is 16 yards long and $1\frac{1}{16}$ broad, and the other 2 is but 15 yards long and 1 yard broad & haveing nothing mentioned in the Honoble : the Governours letter wt : dementions they should be of, and the Councell well veiwing ye : 4 ℔s doe esteeme the latter and smallest sort to be nearest ye : Muster, and ye : better penny worth. The former and larger being at $2\frac{3}{4}$ pa : ℔ peece and ye : latter at $2\frac{1}{4}$pa : wth :out any abatement they being to be made by perticular Merchants of this towne, (the Honoble : Compas : Merchants

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[28th.] refuseing to provide them) wch: said Merchants named Gopahnaran and Wollob Ningrua, will give sufficient security for what money shall be deliverd them beforehand upon this Accot: and haveing allready sent Coppy of the aforementioned letter to the Right Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell, and wth: all requireing their answere whether we should persecute the order therein for the providing the above mentioned between us, to wch: they have possitively orderd us to use our best endeavours to provide the full quantity if possible as appears in their Gennerall bareing date ye: 19th: Aprill ye: season now growing late, and expecting a large investmt: may be required upon Arrivall of the Europe Shipping, it is therefore ordered that a firme contract be made now wth: the afore said Gopah Naran & Willob Ningrua for 5000 ꝑs at $2\frac{1}{4}$ pa: ꝑ [peece to be] brought in by ye: Ultmo November next, and for ye: [5000 ?] peeces[ye: Councell thinks fitt to forbeare contract [ing] for them at ꝑ sent in hopes of bringing the owners of the larger and former sort mentioned to some abatement and for a supply of money for the provision of ye: aforesaid 5000 ꝑs, it is by Contract, to be paid now in hand $\frac{1}{3}$ part & $\frac{1}{3}$ more upon ye: first supply of pagods: from the ffort, and the other third after they are all brought in, & haveing in Cash of pagods: but 1298: 12: as appears by Cash Booke, & $\frac{1}{3}$ part of the money for the Beetelaes amounting to 7500, it is ordered yt: the 5 Chests of Sylver at present remaineing in ye: ffactory be exposed to sale for a supply thereof, and haveing treated wth: the Sheroffs of this place concerning ye: price, it being of different Sorts, wee cannot bring them to higher tearmes then $6\frac{1}{4}$ pa: ꝑ seer together, they affirming that standard is worth but 6 pa: ꝑ seer now at Golcundah, & the present necessity requireing its Sale tis therefore ordered to be deliverd them at the forementioned price of $6\frac{1}{4}$ pagods: ꝑ seir of 8 ounces 18dt: 18gr: they bringing ye: pagods; for it before they carry away the Silver.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

30. Meir ffackeir Deans Sloope Sailed for Bengall.
Mr: Mohuns Ship arrived from Acheene.

31. Received a Gennerall from the ffort.

[APRIL 1st.]

Cash Dr:	Pagods:	fa:	ca:
Ballance of last months Accot: in Cash Chest.	4,353	14	0
[To Ti]mothy Harris made Good by him.	165	19	2
To James Wheeler	90	16	0
To Richard Gresham for Goods sold out of the goedowne	5	18	0
To Japan Copans for 15 sold for	76	31	3
Pagods: ...	4,691	26	5
May: 1st: To Ballance of last months Accot: in Cash Chest.	4,298	12	0

[APRIL.] Pr: Contra Cr:	Pagod:	fa:	ca
By Robert Bowyer for ffactory Expences.	355	0	0
By Musters Sundry Sorts.	6	14	0
By Rosewater 1 Chest.	[. . .]		
By Proffitt and Lose for bringing Madapollam Silver overland to this place in the month of August last 168[2].	[. . .]		
30. By Ballance Remaineing in Cash Chest.	4,298	12	0
Pagods: ...	4,691	26	5
By Quolla Narsoe on Accot: Saile cloth.	3,000	0	0
May 31. By Ballance Remaineing in Cash Chest.	1,298	12	0
Pagods: ...	4,298	12	0

R: FFREEMAN.

JUNE 1 Mr: Medoes Arrived wth: his sloope from Mad [. . .]

3. The Dutch Chief gave the Avaldar a visitt.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 4TH.

M^{R}: ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R} : RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R} : RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Councell being mett called for the Cash Booke w^{ch}: was read and past for the months of Aprill and May the Ballance of the month of Aprill being pago^{ds} : 4298 : 12 : and May m^{o}: 1298 : 12 likewise the Warehouse Booke were read and past allsoe y^{e}: Stewards Acco^{ts} : for the 3 last months w^{ch} : are as followeth.

MARCH.

Charges Dyett	72 :	30 :	0
Charges Extraordinary	56 :	16 :	3
Acco^{t}: Stores	37 :	19 :	0
Acco^{t} : Repaires...	3 :	28 :	3
Servants Wages	132 :	9 :	0
Pago^{ds} : ...	302 :	31 :	0

APRILL.

Charges Gennerall	61 ;	10 :	1
Dyett money	28 :	0 :	0
Acco^{t}: Presents	5 :	0 :	0
Charges Extraordinary	21 ;	8 :	0
Servants Wages	134 :	9 ;	0
Pago^{ds}: ..	249 ;	27 :	1

MAY.

Charges Gennerall	81 :	18 ;	4
Dyett money	46 :	0 :	0
Acco^{t} : Repaires	5 :	18 :	0
Charges Extraordinary	11 :	0 :	0
Servants Wages	133 :	9 :	0
Pago^{ds} : ...	277 :	[9 :	4]

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICHARD GRESHAM.

ATT A CONSULTATION*

Present

WEDNESDAY 6TH.

M^{R} : ROBERT FREEMAN
M^{R} : RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R} : RICHARD GRESHAM.

Richard Browne Second haveing finished y^{e} : Gennerall Books for next year desires the Councells leave that he may Journey to ffort S^{t} : George according to the liberty granted him by the Right Worsp^{ll} : Agent &c^{a} : Councell in their Generall letter of date [ ] w^{ch} : the Councell consent to he haveing deliverd up to the Chief &c^{a} : all bookes & papers relateing to the Honble : Companyes affaires.

R : FFREEMAN.

* This consultation is scored out in the original.

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6. Meir ffakerdeins Sloope Sailed for Bengall.

Mr: Browne Sett out for Madrass.

THURSDAY 7. The Chief continuing Sick at Goodra and the Second gone to Madrass and noe business of moment offering is the reason of noe Consultation this day.

ATT A CONSULTATION

FRYDAY. 8. *Present*

MR: ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Late last night came advises from our freinds at Pettepollee that they had received a Gennerall letter from the Rigt: Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell wch: acquainted them wth: the arrivall of shipp new London to Porta Nova Capt: John Daniell Commander for the Honoble: Company's Accot:, and that two Interlopers were arrived at Said port whereof the one was called the Lumley Castle Capt: William Alley Commander, The other her name they know not, but their orders [were to give] us speedy advice hereof and that wee should doe the like to [. . .] that all care possible might be taken to defeate the said [Inter] lopers if their designes Should bring them this wayward, tis therefore ordered that Immediate advice hereof be sent to the ffactory of Madapollam & that application be made to the Avaldar of this place the better to prepare him to defeate any Interlopers in case they should importe here.

R: FFREEMAN.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

A Dutch Hooker sailed for Pollicatt.

Dispatcht a Gennerall to Madapollam.

9. A Danes Shipp imported from Trincombar.

Dispatcht a Gennerall to Pettepollee.

SUNDAY 11 The Chief Continuing Sick at Goodra, and noe business presenting is the reason of noe Consultation this day

Received a Gennerall from Pettepollee.

THURSDAY 14. Noe Consultation this day for the reason aforementioned.

A Portuguze Ship imported from Trincombar.

15. Mr: Medoes wth: his Sloope sailed for Bengall.

16. Received a Gennerall from the Rt: Worspll: Agt: &ca: Councell at ye: ffort.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MUNDAY 18TH: *Present*

MR: ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Haveing received a Gennerall from the Councell of Madapo[llam] dated the [*lacuna in the original*] wherein they acquaint us of their extraordinary want of money to Carry on our Honble: Masters business in that ffactory, wch: wth:out a present Supply may Suffer [much], and desire us wth: all if wee can possible to lend them 3: or 4000 pagods till Such time as they can be Supplyed from the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: [Councell,] wch: they expect very Speedily, The Councell here haveing well [considered] of their want and being in Cash of the Honble:

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Comp^as^ : about [. . .] pago^ds^ : and noe present occasion for the use thereof in this ffactory tis therefore ordered y^t^ : 3000 pago^ds^ : be forthwith sent them. [18TH:]

R: FFREEMAN.
RICH^D^ : GRESHAM.

The Danes shipp Sailed for Gengellee. 20TH.

The Chief Still continues Sick at Goodra and noe business presenting is the reason of noe Consultation. THURSDAY 21.

Dispatcht a Gennerall to the R^t^ : Worsp^ll^ : Agent & Councell at the ffort. 3.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR : ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.

MUNDAY 25TH :

The Dubass and Braminee appearing this day at Goodra Enquiry was made of them what forwardness the Investment was in Contracted for in the month of March, who replyed that the Major part thereof was brought in and measured, but very little put out to washing by reason of the dryness of the Season, and the want of water about this parte of the Country, the washers could not undertake the Cureing of any till Some raines fall, 'tis therefore ordered that the Merchants themselves be Summon'd to appeare to Morrow Morning.

R: FFREEMAN.
RICH^D^ : GRESHAM.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR : ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.

TUESDAY 26TH :

The Merchants this day appeareing enquiry was made of them what forwardness the Investment was in contracted for in the month of March for that the limited time according to said Contract was expired Who answered that they had complyed soe far as lay in their power and y^t^ : the Major parte thereof had been some considerable time brought into y^e^ : ffactory, but the dry Season would not allow y^e^ : cureing thereof and what was to come in white as Oringall and Golcundah Beetelaes was upon the way, but had mett w^th^ : Some Stops by disturbances in those parts of the Country they were to pass; the Mogulls and Sumbogees Army rangeing there abouts and that they hope a few dayes would remove those impediments and bring them safe to us, The Councell haveing Considered of their Answere and finding nothing to object against it dismist them w^th^ : a strict injunction to use all endeavours imaginable for the speedy cureing y^e^ : browne cloth soe soone as weather would ℘mitt w^ch^ : they all faithfully promised to doe and soe w^th^ : drew.

R : FFREEMAN.
RICH^D^ : GRESHAM.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR : ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.

WEDNESDAY 27TH :

About 4 of the clock this afternoone came news of the arrivall of a small Interloper shipp into the roade of Metchlepatam by name the Experiment Capt : John Aubonee Commander [who] imediately in his Pinnace came ashoare, and

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[27TH:] tarried [not above] halfe an houre but returned on board; declareing his [intentions] to be ashoare againe to-morrow morning and visitt the Avaldar and [trye] if upon reasonable tearms he would allow him trade, whereupon the [Councell] ordered that Alla Potena Dubass immediately be sent to ye: [Avaldar] and give him an Accot: of the ill designes that this Ship was [. . .] upon, desireing ye: Assistance of his Authority in forbiding & effectually hindering them to trade in the Limitts of his Government wch: was accordingly done but it being now late at night and the Chief very weake in body cannot sitt up to awate an answere but order the Dubass to bring it early in the morning.

R. FFREEMAN.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

Imported an Interloper called the Experiment Capt: Aubonee Comand[r] from Porta Nova.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

THURSDAY 28TH:

MR: ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

This morning the Dubas returned wth: an answere from the Avaldar to the message sent him last night who desired a little time to Consider thereof, it being then some what late and much Compa: wth: him and wth: all bid us not to doubt of his freindship and assistance in all ye: Honoble: Compas: business Soe far as lay wth: in his power, and that as yett he had not seene the Commander of the shipp that was arrived, but only received a message from him that he intended to be wth: him as this day. Tis therefore ordered that the Dubass and some of our Maldar peons (wch: are usually employed on messages to him) doe attend at the Avalldars house till the Comeing thither of the Interloper, and if possible to be present at his reception and entertainement, and to hear what his proposalls and demands are.

R: FREEMAN.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

FRYDAY 29TH.

MR: ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

This morning our Dubass Potena returned from the Governor: haveing been there till was very late last night, who gives us accot: that the Commander of the Interlopeing Ship now in this roade was to visitt the Governour yesterday evening about 5 of the clock and carryed wth: him for a present some Cases of Sperits Looking glases and Cheeses, wch: being accepted of he then discoverd his designes of Comeing hither wch: was to trade in this porte if he might be ꝑmitted, & that he was willing to pay a reasonable Custome for wt: Goods he should exporte or importe and would give a gratuity beside, to which the Governour replyed he would Consider thereof, and would turne him Answere to Morrow, soe tashareift him wth: a poore shaule & dismist him, after wch: he called our Dubass to him and bid him acquaint us wth: the Interlopers offers wch: might be a very considerable income to the divan, and that it would be of a dangerous Consiquence to him, at least the loss of his place, if not his head, should he deny ye: Interlopr: trade, therefore bid us well Consider thereof and send him our proposalls tomorrow for that his Master the Cirkell must be acquainted wth: this business, and would expect a Considerable Sum̃e to put by such a probable income wch: must be through his ꝑswasions, therefore his owne good Service herein if he gott it effected must be Considered.

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[29TH:]

The Councell haveing well Considered of the above message from ye : Governour tis thought fitt and resolved that the Chief goes to him tomorrow and discourse the business wth : him and make him Some offers of a present not to allow this Interloper or any others trade wth : in his Government, and wth : all if possible to make the business up with him, tho : at the expence of a considerable Sume, being according to the orders received from the Rt : Worspll : Agent &ca : wch : shall be done wth : as much frugallity as possible.

[Tis or]dered that a Gennerall letter [be immediately writt] to the Rt Worspll : Agent &ca : to acquaint them wth : the Arrivall of this Interloper, and that because of the Chiefs indisposition, who is at ℘sent [very] weake in body and the second gone to Madrass, that another Genll : [. . .] to Pettepollee to require Mr : Wales and Mr : Harris repaire hither [. . .] their advice and assistance aboute def[e]ating the Interloper, wch : was [this] day done, read and past.

R : FFREEMAN.
RICHD : GYESHAM.

30TH : Dispatcht 2 Genneralls one to the ffort & y e : other to Pettepollee. a Dutch Shipp imported from Persia.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 30TH:

MR : ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.

Our Merchants complaineing that the Chief washer of this place does now impose upon them, and will not lett their cloth be washed at the rates as formerly, but demands 2¼ pa : more upon every 100 ℘s Sallamprs : and haveing brought the Chief washerman wth : them before the Councell who discoursed him about his unreasonable demands his answere is that the Governour does the like by him, and had this year laid a greater tax upon him then ever before. The Merchants therefore (that they may ye : better gett their cloth timely and well done now the raines begin to fall) consent to allow him 1 pa : more ℘ 100 ℘s Sallampores, wch : after some further discourse and good words given him, he accepted of, promising his assistance of all the washers procureable, and for his better encouragement thereto tis ordered he be tashareift wth : a shaule of 1 pa : price wch : was accordingly done and he dismist.

The Governour haveing some occasions that calls him abroad this day, desires the chiefs forbareance in visiting him till to morrow.

R : FFREEMAN.
RICHD : GRESHAM.

Cash.	Dr :	Pagods :	fa :	ca.
1st	To Ballance of last months Accot : in Cash Chest	1298	12	0
6	To Broad cloth for 1½ ℘'s Redd & 3 yards greene.	25	18	0
	To Copper for 1 plate poiz 4 mds: 1½ seere at 64 pa : ℘ Candy	12	33	1
	To Subbana and Ackana sheroffs for 17 Ingotts : and 5 baggs silver poiz 1441 ĩĩ : 1oz : is Seere 1934 : 21 : 5 : at 6¼ pa : ℘ Seere brought upon ship ffreinds Endeavour is	12093	0	3
	Pagods :	13429	27	4

Pr : Contra	Cr	Pagods :	fa	ca.
19.	By Verass on Accot : ffactory Expences	300	0	0
21.	By Gopanarran & Wallamingrua on Accot : Beetelas :	3700	0	0
	By ffactory Madapollam lent them upon the Honoble : Compas : Accot : to supply their necessity.	3000	0	0
	By Ballance remaineing in Cash Chest.	6379	27	4
	Pagods :	13429	27	4

R : FFREEMAN.

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[1st:] [T]his day the Chief went to visitt the Governour and to treat wth: him about turning away the Interloper now in the roade.

Skipper Thomas Sloope sailed for Arrakan.

2nd: Yesterday the Chief haveing been to visit the Governour thinks fitt to sett downe what past betwixt them in relation to defeate y^{e}: Interlop^{r}: now in the roade, after a tedious discourse and arguing wth: the Governour some hours about the ill consiquence that would acrew to the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires, should he allow them any trade wth: in his Government, and allsoe a very great loss to him selfe and many familyes under him that have dependance upon our Hono^{ble}: Masters Employ, for that wee were strictly ordered (if he would not upon reasonable proposalls turne them away & allow them noe manner of trade) to remove all from this ffactory wth: a resolution never to returne to it againe, w^{ch}: he seemed to take little notice of or give creditt to, pretending that this Country was free for all people to trade in provided they paid the King Custome, and that Capt: Aubonee had offered the Same beside a very considerable present to himselfe, and allsoe acquainted him that severall other shipps were comeing out wth: a very Considerable Stocks to invest in this place if he gave encouragement, w^{ch}: would bring an income to the divan above 10000 p^{a}: ℘ annum, an Acco^{t}: of w^{ch}: would soone be carried to the King and his Master the Cirkell, therefore he could not gratifie our request wth: out endangering the loss of his head or his Employment at least, but promised to represent the business up to Court, as wee related it, and did not question Success therein answereable to our desires provided wee would be gratefull to him, as soe singular a peece of service might deserve, and that in the meane while, neither Capt: Aubonee, or any other Interloper that might import, should have the liberty to make any Investment, or buy one ℘s: of Cloth, To w^{ch}: was required of him what Summe he expected, he refused makeing any demand, but would leave it wholly to ourselves to consider thereof, for as he had been allwayes a true freind, and assisting to the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: affaires in these parts, soe he resolved to Continue his best endeavours to satisfie us in all our reasonable demands soe far as lay wth: in his power, upon this assureance of his Robert ffreeman offerd him 500 p^{a}: w^{ch}: he [highly rejected] and wondered wee should put Soe low a valuation upon Soe great a peece of service as wee [. . .] him [. . .] was not all wee intended to give him, but only for a present encouragment that he would be hearty and [real] to us, and that if wee found him soe in all respects by puting [. . .] the Interlopers from hence, and allowing them noe trade [wth: . . .] Government he need not question of an equall gratuity: but [that] would not tempt him to a promise, his demands were very high 5000 p^{a}: for his master y^{e}: Cirkell, besides something considerable for himSelfe, w^{ch}: wee thought unreasonable, and after laying downe to him the great advantages the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: trade has been for many years and is still like to bring into this Government w^{ch}: will certainely be lost if he gives any encouragement to Interlopers, wee desired him well to Consider thereof, and be more moderate in his demands and after a great deale more discourse, and all ℘swasive arguments used wth: him he fell to 2000 pago^{ds}: and would not heare of any thing less: but flew out into passion when any thing less was mentioned to him, and that if wee did not immediately consent to give him that Summe, he would not take soe little tomorrow, To w^{ch}: Robert ffreeman endeavoured to oppose his anger wth: good words and desired a day or two to Consider, and acquaint the rest of the Councell thereof, w^{ch}: wth: some reluctancy he consented to, and after a treatment of a supper dismist him.

Att a Consultation

Present

Wednesday 4th. M^{r}. Robert ffreeman Chief

M^{r}. Richard Gresham.

This day arrived from Pettepollee M^{r}: Samuell Wales & M^{r}: Timothy Harris to give their asstance about defeating the Interloper, To whome Robert ffreeman

acquainted them w[th]: the discourse between him and the Governour [the 2[d]:] Currant and likewise of his demands and desired their adv [vice th] erein, w[ch]: is [. . .] thinke it absolutely necessary to comply w[th]: the Governours demands, Tis therefore resolved that the Dubass and Braminee be sent to him to proffer him 1000 p[a]: in hand and ꝑswade him if possible to accept thereof, but if they finde him obstinate [and] resolute and that he will not be contented w[th]:, less then 2000 then to promise him the other 1000 at the experation of the year, if wee find his services equivalent to his promises, and all Interlopers that shall or may importe quite defeated, and noe manner of trade allowed them in this place, or any other parte of his Government. [4TH:]

The Cash Booke was called for read and past for the last month the Ballance being Pago[ds]: 6379: 27: 4, allsoe the warehouse booke was read and past likewise the stewards Acco[ts]: w[ch]: are as followes.

Charges Gennerall	90:	20:	1
Dyett money	32:	0:	0
Acco[t]: Repaires	4:	25:	0
Servants Wages	132:	9:	0
Pago[ds]:	259:	18:	1

R: FFREEMAN.
RICH[D]: GRESHAM.

The Dutch shipp sailed for Bengall.
M[r]: Browne returned from Madrass. 5.
A Dutch shipp imported from Batavia.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

M[R]: ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF THURSDAY
M[R]: RICHARD BROWNE 5TH:
M[R]: RICHARD GRESHAM.

This day arrived here from Madrass M[r]: Richard Browne who brought w[th]: him a Gennerall from the R[t]: Worsp[ll]: Agent &c[a]: Councell w[th]: plenary orders about defeating interlopers, tho at an extraordinary charge, and the Councell being fully accquainted w[th]: the discourse between Robert ffreeman and the Governour the 2[d]: Currant, and of his demands thought fitt to send the dubass and Bramany yesterday to promise him 1000 p[a]. and trye if they could make him content w[th]: that Summe, w[ch]: he refused, and ordered them to tell the Councell that he cared not for money, but would doe them any Service for nothing, and in a jeering way advised that one of us might goe up to Court and gett all Interlopers defeated w[th]: out any expence by w[ch]: they perceived him disgusted and obstinate not to be satisfied w[th]: less than 2000 pago[ds]: therefore acquainted him that wee would give him 1000 p[a]: in hand and the other thousand at the exparation of the year as before mentioned in yesterdayes Consultation, w[ch]: he would not readily consent to, but desired all in hand, and after a great many ꝑswasive Arguments to him, he dismist them w[th]: this Answere, that he would Consider of their propo$a$lls and returne the Councell the result thereof to morrow morning, tis therefore ordered that imediately addresses be made by the dubass to all the principall officers under him and a promise of reward to them all to use their Interest w[th]: him to ꝑswade him into a complyance w[th]: our propossalls.

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[5TH :] The dubass being returned acquainted the Councell that all the principall officers and Braminies under his Government faithfully promise their best assistance to our request w^ch^ : is satisfactory.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
[RICH^d^:] GRESHAM.

FRYDAY 6TH

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
M^R^. ROBERT FREEMAN CHIEF
M^R^. RICHARD BROWNE
M^R^. RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Dubass haveing been this day w^th^: the Governour to know his minde concerning the proposals made him yesterday, brings this Answere, That he is willing to accept thereof and orders ye 1000 p^a^ : to be speedily brought him privately : for the better doing of w^ch^ : tis ordered that Robt : ffreeman immediately waite upon him againe, and deliver the said money to himselfe, and gett an assureance from him (if possible under his hand) that he will puntually ℘forme his promise and not Suffer any Interlop^r^ : to have any manner of trade w^th^ : in his government.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICH^D^ : GRESHAM.

7TH Yesterday according to order of Consultation Robert ffreeman went w^h^ : the dubas and Braminee of this ffactory to the Governour, and after some discourse w^th^ : him in his outward Choultry, or usuall place of entertainement, wee retired to his private apartment, where he could fully discover his minde and intentions about what was requested of him, concerning defeating all Interlop^rs^ : that might import w^th^ : in his Government, w^ch^ : he did assure us upon his word and Honour to doe effectually, and that neither the ship now in the roade, nor any other should have any manner of tradeing, or be allowed the buying or carrying off one peece of cloth upon w^ch^ : was demanded of him, a writeing under his hand to ℘forme what he had now promised, but that he refused declaring it could be of noe volidity to us for he was only a servant and might be displaced at the pleasure of his Master and his successor, would take noe notice thereof, but [he bid us] not to feare his continuance long enough to ℘forme his promise [*one line lost.*] 1000 pago^ds^ : according to agreement and 1000 p^as^ [more] promised by y^e^ : Councell to be paid him at the Conclusion of the [yeare] when the shipps (as well as the Hono^ble^ : Companyes as all Inter [lopers are] gone cleare away from this Coast for Europe, and that wee [. . .] his promises ℘formed in all respects answereable to our Expectations, w^ch^ : he assured Should be to a tittle, and immediately ordered Capt^t^ : Aubonee to be gone and would not allow him y^e^ : Changeing Some pago^ds^ : (he brought w^th^ : him from Trincombar) into Rupees.

8TH This day the Interloper Capt. Aubone sailed from hence, but to what place designed is unknowne.

MUNDAY 9TH

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
M^R^ : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^R^: RICHARD BROWNE
M^R^: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Haveing a Considerable quantety of Europe goods lying dead upon hand in this ffactory of w^ch^ : wee have given an Acco^t^ : thereof to the R^t^ : Worsp^ll^ : Agent &c^a^ : Councell, and the little probabillitie of disposeing of them here to Sale for ready

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money in any reasonable time, and they haveing thought fitt to order us y^e: puting thereoff, or what part thereof wee can possible in barter of any sorts of goods proper for England, The Councell haveing notice of some Merchants in Towne willing to truck for Broadcloth, lead and Copper plates, Beetelaes of 3 sorts vizt: of Golcundah Beetelaes according to our Muster 900 ℘s at 3 $pago^{ds}$: ℘ ℘s, of Oringall y^e: Dutch sort (being some w^t: finer then ours) 500 ℘s at 25 ℘ corge and of Cummum equall to our Musters 1000 ℘s at 30 & 28½ p^a ℘ corge w^{th}: out any abatement upon either sort, and these goods to be brought in by the month of December and they to allow for Broadcloth 23 p^a: ℘ halfe ℘s for Copper plates 64 $pago^{ds}$: ℘ Candy, and for lead 10 $pago^{ds}$: ℘ Candy; the Councell thinke fitt to accept these offer (they being reputed Respontiable men) therefore ordered to be deliverd them in the 3 aforesaid Commodities to the amo^t: of their goods now agreed upon. [9TH:] at No. 1: pa 30. No. 2: pa 28½.

R. [FFREE]MAN.
[R.] BROWNE.

Received a Gennerall lre from the R^t: $Worsp^{ll}$: Ag^t: & Councell at y^e: ffort.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

TUESDAY 10TH

M^R: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^R: RICHARD BROWNE
M^R: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Right $Worsp^{ll}$: Agent $\&c^a$: Councell haveing in severall of their Gennералls ordered us to use all endeavours possible w^{th}: our Merchants to bring them to a greater abatement then formerly, upon what goods they shall provide for the future, w^{ch}: the Councell has severall times moved to them and that how Madapollam and Pettepollee ffactoryes had done the like the last year but they not, therefore 'twas expected now, or wee were possitively ordered to Receive such other Merchants into the $Hono^{ble}$: $Comp^{as}$: employment as would be content to doe it, for that the goods of this ffactory must not goe home dearer then from all others, To w^{ch}: they replyed that they had been a long time the $Comp^{as}$: Merchants, and done their business w^{th}: a great deale of integrity, and that the late Agent had brought them to Soe low an abatement that they have been ever since lossers, rather then gainers by their employment, and that before they consented to said $abatem^t$: they tooke a writeing under the said Agents and Chiefs of this ffactoryes hand that, that agreement should stand for many years, and if cloth became Cheaper in the Country, they were to reap the advantage thereby, and if dearer the Company to have the advantage, w^{ch}: agreement they expected wee should make good on our parts, as they have and will on theirs, though Cloth has ever since been dearer, and is like to raise more by the vast quantityes to be provided, and Interlopers importing upon the Coast who are willing to give any rates for it, To all w^{ch}: the Councell replyed that 'twas but a small matter was required of them, but they must doe something for the $Comp^a$: as well as other ffactoryes, else should be looked upon as the worst and idlest of their servants w^{th}: many more such like pressing $argum^{ts}$: are brought them to Consent to the abatement of 2 ℘ cent more upon all such goods they had before abated 8 ℘ cent, w^{ch}: is in all 10 ℘ cent and the most wee could possibly bring them to, they affirming their cloth to [*about a line lost*] and that they are [*a line lost*] Moore Goverments, every one getting a small [. . .] thereby The Councell well considering the reallity thereof, [thought] not fitt to press them further, consented to the abate[ment of noe] more but 2 ℘ cent for this years Investment to be made [. . .] the Right $Worsp^{ll}$: Agent $\&c^a$:

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[10TH:] Councell should upon advice hereof be soe satisfied and w^th: a present of Beetle and Rosewater dismist them.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^D: GRESHAM.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

THURSDAY 12TH:

M^R: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^R: RICHARD BROWNE
M^R: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Haveing made a Conclusion w^th: the Governour and gott him to turne away the Interloper (Capt: Aubonee) from this place, the Chief Braminee &c^a: officers under him expect (according to our promise) a reward, for the good service they did us in their advice and Councell to y^e: Governour w^ch: they assure us was very home and pressing in our behalfes, and wrought that good effect upon him wee desired and fearing wee may very suddenly have occasion to make use of them againe in like nature thinke it absolutely necessary to oblige and keepe them our ffreinds soe much as possible wee can in this trouble some time of Interlopers importing, w^ch: is dayly expected, 'Tis therefore resolved and ordered that they be handsomely ℘sented, but w^th: as much frugality as is necessary to the amo^t: of 70: or 80 pago^ds: in such things as shall be found most acceptable to them, w^ch: the Councell thinks will be Sufficient.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

SATURDAY 14TH:

M^R: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^R: RICHARD BROWNE
M^R: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Councell haveing duely debated the R^t: Worsp^ll: Agent &c^a: Councells orders in their Gennerall of the 11th: Currant relateing to an Investment to be Compleated by the month of December to Consist of severall sortments and quantityes more then the last year provided: Our Merchants were Summoned, who this day appearing before the Councell were made acquainted therew^th: w^t: quantityes of every sort was required from these 3 ffactoryes of Madapollam, Pettepollee and this, and that they must immediately give in their answere, that wee might dispatch advice to the other two ffactoryes what part thereof wee had undertaken, that they might proceed accordingly w^th: their Merchants for the provision of the rest, w^ch: at first they seemed very shye and unwilling to be Concerned in any part thereof, alleadging that Soe great a quantity to be provided and many buyers would much raise the price in all places and cause the cloth to come to them dearer and Courser then formerly, w^ch: if wee should turne upon their hands againe 'twould be impossible for them to comply w^th: their Contract, and might prove to their utter ruine and disgrace wee assured them of very just and faire dealing in our Sortment of their Cloth and used all manner of ℘swasive Arguments to induce them to undertake a round quantity and at last w^th: much difficulty prevailed w^th: them for the sorts and quantityes here under specifyed vizt:

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[14th.]

	℘s.		℘s.
Sallampores	15000	Cummum Beetelaes ...	4000
Ditto superfine	1500	Allejaes	8000
Percollaes 15 cov^{ts}: ...	8000	Sasarguntees	4000
Book Percollaes... ...	5000	Collaway pooes ...	6000
Izzarees	4000	Goconcherulaes ...	6000
Oringall Beetelaes ...	20000	Dyapers	2000
Golcundah ditto	3000	Chints...	2000
Romalls	10000	Dunga [rees]	20000

The above said goods are contracted for [. . .] first Muster and are all to be brought in ready Cured by the ultim^{o}: December as ℘agreem^{t} [under] their hands if noe impediment happens by warrs or alteration [*a line lost*] to above pago^{ds}: 130000 beside the abatement of 10 ℘ cent, of w^{ch}: they demand ⅔d parts of the money to be [immediately] paid them in hand that they might send it up into the Country [. . . .] their weavers before they were otherwise engaged, but wee [not...] wherewth: all in Cash desired their forbearance a few dayes expecting a supplye by the shipp new London w^{ch}: was arrived at the ffort and designed hither very speedily w^{t}: money she should bring wth: her for this factory should be immediately paid them, and the rest as it pleased god to arrive the expected shipping and that wee would immediately give advice to y^{e}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell hereof, who would noe doubt take effectually care to supply them in season and if they would in the meanwhile deliver out any of their owne stocks to preingage the weavers 'twould be a singular peece of Service to the Hono^{ble}: Company and wee should accordingly represent it w^{ch}: they promised to doe and soe were dismist.

R: ffreeman.
R: Browne.
Rich^{d}: Gresham.

M^{r}: Bowree in his slope imported from Madrass.

Att a Consultation Munday 16.

Present

M^{r}: Robert ffreeman Chief
M^{r}: Richard Browne
M^{r}: Richard Gresham.

Haveing made an agreement wth: our Merchants for this years Investm^{t}: according to Consultation of the 14th: Currant tis ordered that advice thereof be given in a Gennerall lre: to the Right Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell that they may the better know what money wee shall stand in need of and the necessity of a speedy supply thereof to carry on the Investment contracted for w^{ch}: was accordingly done this day read [and] Past.

R: ffreeman.
R: [Browne.]
[Rich^{d}: Gresham.]

M^{r}: Bowree wth: his Sloope Sailed for Madapollam.
The Portuguze ship sailed for Gingallee.
[A] Dutch Sloope Sailed for Pollicatt. 17.
Received lrs from Bengall.
A Dutch Sloope Sailed for Bengall. 18.

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THURSDAY 19: ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Quolla Narsoe who has undertaken the Provision of saile cloth for this yeare as ℘ Consultation of the 21st: May and received as yett but 3000 pagods: upon that Accot: Requests ye: Councell to supply him wth: more money to give out to the Weavers of those parts where said Cloth is made before they be otherwayes engaged, The Councell Considering the reasonableness of his request doe order the delivery 1000 pagods: to him takeing his Receipt for it.

Alla Potana and [*lacuna in the original*] proffering to the Councell to provide 1000 peeces of the new sort of [*lacuna in the original*] Beetelaes according to muster sent out of England last year at the same price agreed upon wth: Gopa Narsoe and Wollaminim Grua, wch: is 45 pagods: ℘ corge and our owne Merchants, nor few others careing to undertake any of them, the Councell thinks fitt to accept their proffer, and they requesting 1750 pagods: in hand wch: is 250 pagods: above ⅔ds. of their amount, tis thought fitt (for their better encouragement to bring them in very good and in due time) to gratifie their request and order that the said Sum̃e be immediately paid and their receipt taken for it.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

22. This day imported here the Ship new London [Capt.] John Daniell Commander who came ashoare the Same Evening [and brought] wth: him a Packett from the Right Worspll: Agent &ca: Cou[ncell under] date ye: 12th: currat: wth: Invoice and Bill of loading for what goods [consigned] to this factory wch: is vizt:

[*Lacuna in the original.*]

MUNDAY 23RD ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Councell haveing ℘used the Right Worspll: Agent &ca: Councells letter ℘ Ship new London, finde in the Postscript thereof their orders to receive ashoare here out of said Ship two Chests Treasure No: A: B qts: Sixty Thousand pagods: to be distributed as they have allotted wch: is vizt: To [Madapollam] ffactory 20000 pagods: To this ffactory 20000 pagods: To [Pettipollee] 100 [00] pagods: and to Vizagapatam 10000 pago[ds:] Tis therefore ordered that Boates be immediately Sent of to Bring a [shoa]re said Chests of Treasure, and what other goods Consigned to this ffactory [according] to Invoice [*a line lost*] Madapollam to take [*a line lost*] ye: Agent &ca: Councell. [*Two pages lost*].

28. The Chief sent to Mr: Nodens and Mr: Davis who are the only two men that keepe houses of Entertainement in this place, and againe gave them in Charge the Honoble: Companyes Orders not to be aiding or assisting to any Interlopers or give them any manner of entertainement, and desired them to Consider that they owed their protection to the Honoble: Compa: wch: they must unavidably [*sic*] loose the benefit of for the future if they did not reside from their ill advized actions, Whose answer was, that they would not be any wayes aiding or assisting to them, nor further concern'd wth: them, then to allow a meales meate, or a glass of wine for money to any ℘son that should come to their houses, they haveing noe

other way of livelyhood, but by entertainement of Guest. This morning the dubass [28TH:] brought answere from the Gover^{r}: of the message sent him yesterday, whose reply was that the Importing of Interlopers he was sensible would bring noe Small gaine to the Divan and his Master, yett that they might see he would not violate his promise made them he would instantly give order to prohibitt all Merchants what soe ever under him to hold correspondence or trade wth: any of them, tho beleived might incurr great displeasure from the King and his Master thereby, therefore bid us not feare, but take care that none of our owne people shewed the first example, as he would doe wth: his.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present DITTO DIE

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM.

This day the Councell haveing advice that the Interloper Capt: Alley had sent a message to the Governour by a black Portuguze of this place by name Diego, formerly the French dubas to request liberty to [...] here tis therefore ordered that the dubass be immedia [tely...] to learne his propossalls, and bring the Councell an [...] the Governour gives thereto.

R: FFR[EEMAN]
R: B[ROWNE]
[RICH^{D}: GRESHAM]

The Dubass returning from the Governours gave the Councell an Acco^{t}: that DITTO DIE the Conference between the Governour and the Messenger was with whispering, a long time soe could learne nothing of their proposalls: but y^{t}: at last the Governour wth: an angry Countenance calling the messenger foole dismised him, and afterwards calling our dubass, bid him acquaint the Councell w^{t}: he saw, and how little notice he tooke of Capt: Alleys request.

The men that came ashoare last night in Capt: Alleys boate were 5 passengers intending to reside in these parts, the most materiall of whome was M^{r}: John Aelst and his family, who all lay at M^{r}: Nodens that night.

Received three Gennerall lres: vizt: from the ffort, Madapollam and Vizagapatam. 29

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Present MUNDAY 30TH

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM.

This day M^{r}: John Aelst made a request to the Councell to be admitted into the Hono^{ble}: Companyes protection as a freeman promising obedience to all their Rules and orders for his Government in liveing here, alleading [*sic*] that he came not out of England wth: any designe to be prejudiciall to the Hono^{ble}: Companyes affaires in any manner whatsoeever, nor that he was or Should be any wayes Concerned in the Interlopers business or designes, but the true and only occasion of his coming out was to trade in diamonds w^{ch}: was now a Commoditie our Hono^{ble}: Masters had given liberty for all ꝑsons to trade in, To w^{ch}: the Councell thought fitt to give this Reply, that they could not gratifie him in his request, being strictly enjoyned to y^{e}: Contrary, not to protect or be assisting to any ꝑson, whatsoeever that [came] out upon any Interlopeing ship, but would in their

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[30th:] next Gennerall letter make his request knowne to the R^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell and according to their orders concerning it he might expect an Answere.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^{D}: GRESHAM.

31st:

July Cash.	Dr:	Pago^{ds}:	fa:	ca
1st	To Ballance of last months Acco^{t}: in Cash Chest	6379	27	4
	To Richard Gresham for 15 halfe ₰s broadcth: at 22:	330	0	0
27	To Factory Madapollam repaid back being soe much lent them.	3000	0	0
	To Acco^{t}: Currant ffort St George rec^{d}: ₰ y^{e}: London.	20000	0	0
	Pago^{ds}:	30709	27	4

	P^{r}: Contra C^{r}:	Pago^{ds}:	fa.	ca.
8	By Quolla Narsoe on Acco^{t}: Saile-cloth.	1000	0	0
	By Acco^{t}: Presents to the Avaldar not to Suffer any Interlopers to trade in this porte this year	1000	0	0
19	By Allapotenah & [*lacuna*] to provide Beetelaes	1750	0	0
20	By Verass to defray ffactory Expences.	300	0	0
27	By Madala Condepa and Comp^{a}:	20000	0	0
	By Gopanarran and Wallamingrua on Acco^{t}: Beetelaes	2000	0	0
R. 31	By Ballance remaineing in Cash Chest.	4659	27	4
	Pago^{ds}:	30709	27	4

R. FFREEMAN.

[AUGUST]. 1ST Capt: Alley finding but little encouragement came not ashoare himselfe in this place but Sailed hence this day, intending for the Port of Dourampata whence he last came, M^{r}: Aelst and his family, wth: 2 or 3 English more (that came out Passengers upon the ship) remaine in this place.

2 Skipper Thomas Kerdicoes Ship Sailed to Acheene Laden wth: a Cargoe of Rice.

THURSDAY. DO. DIE The Councell mett but found noe business to proceed upon

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Present

MONDAY 6TH

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Yesterday evening the Councell went to give the Governour a visitt where they fell into discourse wth: him about Capt: Alley likelyhood of getting a Settlem^{t}: in the next Government to this, by the sea side at a Towne called Dourampata, where he had left some People to accomplish that designe, w^{ch}: he sayes will be very prejudiciall, to him and the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Business, if not prevented in time and that he must be forced to give him and others the like encouragement, elce 'twill redound much to his disgrace and may be his utter ruine to hinder them trade here, and they gett it in another Government hard by, and offer'd the Councell if they would be at some small Expence more, he would write up to his Master y^{e}: Cirkell in whose parte of the Country that Towne Lay (though under another Governour) to gett him and others routed from thence to w^{ch}: the Councell replyed that they tooke speciall notice of his reall freindshipp to their Hono^{ble}: Masters Interest, but they could not at present give him a promise to be at any further expence, not knowing how farr the ffactory of Pettepollee being adjacent and in the Same Government wth: Dawrampata, may have engaged themselves in the business, but would immediately give advice to them of his propossalls and allsoe acquaint the Rig^{t}: Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell therewth: and give him an answere Soe Soone as received w^{ch}: he Seem[ed] Satisfied wth: and bid us be quick in our dispatch, for the Longer the Interloper Stayed there, the more

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Interest they would make wth: the Country, and the harder and greater would the [6TH:]
Charge be to Remove them, tis therefore ordered that advice hereof be given to [the Right Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}:] Councell in a Generall lre:

The Councell calling for the Cash Booke was produced read and past for the last month the Ballance being pag^{os}: 4659 : 27 : 4 : cash : allsoe the warehouse Booke was read and past likewise the Stewards Acco^{ts}: w^{ch} : is as followes.

Charges Gennerall	77:	11:	2
Dyett money	32:	–	–
Acco^{t}: Stores	33:	22:	3
Charges Extraordinary	20:	29:	4
Factory Rent	16:	–	–
Acco^{t}: Repaires	3:	–	–
Servants Wages	133:	–	–
Pago^{ds}:	315:	32:	3

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICH^{D} : GRESHAM.

A Portuguze ship sailed for Gengerlee.

A Great Dutch ship sailed for Batavia.

Received a Gennerall lre from Madapollam advizeing the Arrivall of the Inter 9
loper Capt: Alley.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 9TH.

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Haveing received a Gennerall letter this day dated the 8th: Currant from [. . .] Councell of Madapollam advising the Arrivall of Capt: [Alley in the] roade adjacent and his being landed there ashoare, and [. . .] and Courted to a trade by the people of Narsapore, w^{ch}: Towne [. . . .] Royalty of all the River being under this Governour they require us ([in the] Hono^{ble}: Companyes behalfe) to make our addresses to him and acquaint him therewth : requiring [. . .] his Deputy Governour of that place [not to offer any of the people] under him to give any assistance or have any manner of tradeing wth: the aforesaid Capt: not to allow the passage of boates through his River that might be designed on board him tis therefore ordered that the Dubass be imediately sent to this Governour to Acquainte him wth: the message as above, and bring his answere to the Councell.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICH^{D} : GRESHAM.

Dispatched a Gennerall lre to the Right Worsp^{ll}: Agent &c^{a}: Councell at Madrass.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

FRYDAY 10TH.

M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R}: RICHARD GRESHAM.

This Morning the Dubass returned and brings the Councell this answere from the Governour to the message sent him yesterday, that he will forthwith gratifie

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[10TH:] us in our request by writeing to his Deputy of Narrsapore according as wee have desired, and bid us not to fear, Capt: Alley Should have noe tradeing in that place, nor any other wth : in his Government tis ordered that advice hereof be immediately given in a Gennerall letter to the Councell of Madapollam, wch : was accordingly done.

R. FFREEMAN.
R. BROWNE.
RICHD : GRESHAM.

MUNDAY 13TH. noe business [. . .] the [Chief] Continuing sick at Goodra.

16 Ship New London [imported] from Madapollam.

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Present

THURSDAY 16TH. MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR : RICHARD BROWNE
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Ship new London Capt. John Daniell Commander being arrived into this Roade from Madapollam 'tis ordered that what goods of the Honoble : Companyes are here in Readiness to be loaden upon her, be forthwth: put into boates and Sent off to her that She may be dispatched wth: all Expedition possible for Pettipollee according to order of the Rigt : Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD : GRESHAM.

This day the Interloping Ship Lumley Castle returned into this Roade againe from Narsapore haveing been forced thither by Contrary winds and the Strength of Currant She Anchored here but Stayed not above 4 howers and sailed away hence againe designed for the Port of Dourampata.

17. This day another Interloping Ship named the Constantinople Capt: John Smith Commander arrived into this Roade, who immediately came ashoare in his boate, and brought wth : him two Jews one named Rodriques the other Deporta, they all went directly to Mr : Nodens where they received Entertainement.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

SATURDAY 18TH. MR : ROBERT FFREEMAN
MR : RICHARD BROWNE
MR : RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Councell haveing notice that the Interloper Capt : John Smith and two Jews with [him . . .] this day to visitt the Governour and try if [. . . obtaine] leave from him to have the liberty to trade in this place [tis] therefore ordered that the Dubass bee immediately sent to the Governour, the better to prepare him against the comeing of the Interlopers thither and to reminde him of his ꝑmise and engagement to us, wch : the Councell expects he should comply with and wth : all to acquaint him that this ship wee hope will be the last shall ever trouble his port or us againe, and allsoe to stay and heare all the Interlopers proposalls, and the Governours answere thereto, and bring an Accot: thereof to the Councell.

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.
RICHD : GRESHAM.

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Received a Gennerall from the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell at ye: Fort.

This morning the Dubass returned from the Governours wth: an answere to ye: message sent him yesterday; wch: is that Capt: John Smith and the two Jews were to visitt the Governour and Carryed wth: them a small ℘sent of Scarlett Strong waters and Cheeses wch: he accepted off, and after a little Complementall frivoulus discourse, they acquainted him wth: their business and designe, wch: was to have the liberty of free trade in his Porte, and they were willing to allow him a reasonable Custome and a gratuity besides, To wch: he replyed that the Honoble: Companyes Servants had fully acquainted him of the ill designes they came out upon, and that should he gratifie them in their request it might occasion the Honoble: Companyes people to remove their ffactory, wch: would be a farr greater loss to his Government then the Custome of their Ships would Countervaile, besides severall familyes would be ruined having their whole dependance and livelyhood from the Compas: employment, for wch: reason he could not give them any Encouragement to stay here, but advised them to goe seeke some other place (out of his Government) where the Compa: had noe Settlement, there possibly they might meete wth: better Success soe treated them wth: a supper, and tasherieft each wth: an ordinary shaule and dismist them. 19.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MONDAY 20TH:

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Dubass[. . . .] giving notice to the Councell of some browne Sallampores [. . Towne] for Sale of the Sortments provided here for the Honoble: Compa: and fearing least after they are gott in some of the Interlopers people may be ready to buy them up, and by Stealth Convey them off the Shoare, for the better prevention of which 'tis ordered that money be deliver'd to the Dubass to buy them for the Honoble: Companyes Accot: if he finds them good, and can be gott a reasonable penny worth.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

Skipper Thomas Cardicoes ship sailed for Arrakan. 21.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 23:

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Dubass haveing been to view the ℘cell of Sallampores before mentioned in last Consultation gives Accot: to the Councell that they Containe 23 Corge, and are in his Judgment as good and of the Same Sorte provided by our Merchants for the Honoble: Compa: and that the owners are Inhabitants of this Towne, and will not take less for them in hand then 25 pagods : ℘ corge as they are, but will engage after they are cured to Stand to ye: Sortment thereof allowing them the Same prices we doe to our Merchants for them, wch: the Councell consent to, and ordered the payment of the money being pagocs: 575

Haveing loaden on board the Ship new London all the Cloth wee have ready embaled, and the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca : Councell ordering she should not be

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[23RD:] longer detained in expectation of more comeing in, by reason the Season grow's late, and according to Charter partyes she should [depart] the Coast by the 15th: of next month, 'tis therefore ordered that [a dispatch ?]be forth wth drawne up and deliverd to the Capt: to proceed [upon his voyage to] Pettepollee.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

Ship new London sailed for Pettepollee.

24 This day the ship Welfare Capt: William Wildey Commander arrived into this roade from Persia haveing in his way toucht at ye: ffort and brought wth: him a Gennerall lre from the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell for this ffactory bearing date the 21st: Currant, wch: is the only occasion of his coming to Anchor in this porte.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

SATURDAY 25TH:

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Mr: Richard Gresham haveing been some time much indisposed to health requests the Councells leave to goe to Pettipollee for the better recovery thereof wch: is thought fitt to grant him, he haveing deliverd up his charge to the Chief &ca:

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

Received a Gennerall from Vizagapatam.

26 The two Jews that came out upon Capt: Smith sett out for Covelone.

27. This day the Ship Welfare Capt: William Wildey Commander Sailed from hence for the porte of Vizagapatam, haveing goods and treasure loaden on board him by the Rt: Worspll: Agt: &ca: Councell for Accot: of the Honoble: Compa: to deliver at that ffactory, after which he is designed derectly [*sic*] for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY DO: DIE.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE.

The Councell haveing ꝑused the Rigt: worspll: Agent &ca: Councells letter of date the 21st: Currant, and seriously debated thereon, 'tis first ordered that noe protection in the Honoble: Compas: name be allowed to any free [man] by Capt: Alley or other Interlopeing Ships nor [any aid] private Correspondence held wth: any of them, but that good inspection be made into all their actions, soe that they may not be able, Clandestingly [*sic*] to carry on any designe for the Interlopers. The Agent and Councell approveing of our Governours Proposalls to defate the Interlopers at Dowrampata doe order that application be made to him tho at some wt: extraordinary charge as the necessity of the business shall require, but the Councell of Pettipollee advising they have made an agreement for a Certaine Sume wth: the Governour of that

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parte of the Country to turne them away. The Councell thinks it needlesse to take any further notice thereof to this here. [27TH:]

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.

The Interloping Ship Constantinople Capt: John Smith Commander Sailed hence this day for Bengall, haveing done nothing in this place only sold a little Liquor in the Roade to Dutch and English ffreemen, wch: was an unconsiderable matter, and Could not be hindered. 28TH:

Dispatched a gennerall to the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell at the fforte.

Received a Gennerall from Ditto. 29.

Noe business for Consultation the Chief still Sick at Goodra. THURSDAY 30.

	Cash	Dr:	Pagods:	fa:	ca:
1st:	To Ballance [. . .] months Accot: in Cash Chest		4659	27	4

	Per Contra	Cr:	Pagods:	fa:	ca:
	By Alla Potena and Anta Bramine to buy a ℘cell of Browne sallampores in Towne to Prevent any Interloprs: getting them.		591	0	0
	By Verass to defray ffactory Expences.		400	0	0
	By Gongraza on Accot: Charges Merchandize.		100	0	0
R 31.	By Ballance Remaineing in Cash Chest.		3568	27	4
		Pagods:	4659	27	4

R: FFREEMAN.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHEIF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE.

SEPTEMBER MUNDAY 3RD.

In the Consultation of this day the Councell thinkes Convenyent to note the Departure of Capt: John Smith Commander of the Shipp Constantinoble [*sic*] who sailed hence for the Bay the 28th: past month being the last shipp of Interloping Sorte expected this yeare, and dureing his stay here, and all others the Councell put in execution all the Honoble: Companyes orders and instructions received from the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell relateing to them, and used their utmost endeavours wth: the Governour to obstruct all manner of traffick between them and the Merchants of this place and have obtained effectuall Success therein agreeable to their desires, and they hope satisfactory to the Honoble: Compa: and the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: at the ffort, not wth: Standing all the under hand assistance and Contrivances of ffreemen here not soe much as one bale of Cloth hath been Carryed off to any of them, neither have mett wth: any encouragement ever to returne here againe.

The Merchants being Summoned, appeared before the Councell, who demanded the Reasons of them why to this day they had not brought in their goods Contracted for in the month of March to wch: they replyed that there had been noe endeavours wanting on their parts, and that ye: delay proceeded only from the wetness of the Season, now raine falling every day hindered the makeing of it up and till some faire weather came, 'twas impossible to gett it done as it ought to be and that they had noe other business to minde but would make use of every house that presented for the getting it finished whereupon the Councell ordered some Peons to attend the Washers, that [they] might loose noe time, nor accept

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[3RD:] of any other business till they had [Cured?] what deliverd to them by the Merchants w^{ch}: was [accordingly] done [and?] the Merchants dismist, wth: a charge to be very diligent [. . .] business for that the Investment this year was to be very great, and the Season grew late w^{ch}: they all promised [and] soe withdrew.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.

Shipp Hopewell M^{r}: James Hawks Commander Imported from Madap^{a}:

THURSDAY 6TH.

ATT A CONSULTATLON
Present
M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF.
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE.

The Merchants giveing notice to the Councell that Some of their Oringall Beetelaes comeing downe are Stopt at Bizwar, about six Jentue Leagues off, by the Governour of that Towne, and Juncan demanded for their releasement (w^{ch}: was never Customary) 'tis therefore ordered that forth wth: a Persian, and Jentue Letter be wrote to the Governour and Chief Braminy of the aforesaid Towne to acquaint them those goods belong to the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: who are Custome free through out all the King of Golcundahs dominions, therefore require his immediate Releasement thereof.

The Cash Booke was Called for read and past for the last month & the Ballance found to be Pago^{ds}: 3568 : 27 : 4 the Warehouse booke was allsoe read and past, likewise the Stewards Acco^{ts}: w^{ch}: are as followes.

Charges Gennerall	75 :	– :	–
Dyett mony	40 :	– :	–
Charges Extraordinary	40 :	3 :	3
Acco^{t}: Repaires	3 :	30 :	3
Servants Wages	133 :	– :	–
Pago^{ds}: ...	283 :	34 :	–

R : FFREEMAN.
R : BROWNE.

9TH This day a small ship belonging to M^{r} : Richard Mohun Burth[en] about 80 Tonns named the Maxemillian sailed for Bengall.

MONDAY 10. Noe Bus[iness for Consultation,] the Chief continues still sick at Goodra.

12. Received a Gennerall from Pettipollee.

THURSDAY 13TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
M^{R} : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R} : RICHARD BROWNE.

Yesterday the Councell received a Gennerall lre: from the ffactory of Pettipollee bearing date the 10th: Currant adviseing that the Interloper Still Continues at Dowrampata, notwithstanding their agreement wth: y^{e}: Governour of that place to turne them away for a present given him of 500 pago^{ds}: and that Capt: Alley for his security had brought ashoare 5 Gunns and a Considerable number of men,

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intending him selfe in few dayes to Saile for Bengall: but had ordered his people to Remove over that River into another Government, where they hoped to finde better Encouragement, to prevent w^ch^: the Councell of Pettipollee fears they must be forced to Pishcash the Governour of that Place w^th^: some thing acceptable therefore desire the Councell here to supply them w^th^: Some Scarlett for that purpose, but haveing none in this ffactory, 'tis ordered that advice thereof be immediately given them that they may not be in expectation thereof but provide themselves w^th^: somewhat elce proper for the designe if occasion requires. [13TH:]

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.

Meir ffuckeirdeens Ship imported from Pegue. 14.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

MUNDAY 17.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE.

Meir fackerdeen a Merchant and Inhabitant of this Towne [haveing] a Ship bound for the Port of Tannassaree requests [. . . . .] give him a pass for said Ship, w^ch^: is thought fitt to [A . . . , he paying] the accustomary rate for it of 3 pago^ds^:, noe other business presenting the Councell w^th^: drew.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.

Shipp Deria Doulat belonging to the King of Syam M : Samuell White Commander sailed for Tannassaree. 18.

Shipp Hopewell belonging to the English Sailed for Acheene M^r^: James Hawks Commander. 19.

Noe business for Consultation, the Chief still continues sick at goodra but in a hope full way of recovery. THURSDAY 20.

Murgee Raja^s^: Ship Sailed for Tannassaree.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

MUNDAY 24^T^.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE.

The Councell of Pettepollee in their Gennerall lre: of the 17th: Currant w^ch^: came to hand the 19th: desire the great scales and weights of this ffactory may be sent them overland to weigh off the Hono^ble^: Comp^as^: Copper w^ch^: they haveing none of their owne, and here being noe present occasion of use for them 'tis ordered they be forth w^th^: sent thither.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.

A Dutch Hooker Arrived from Pollicatt and the next day Sailed for Narsapore.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

THURSDAY 27TH.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE.

The Merchants being summond before the Councell enquiry was made of them why their cloth came not in faster, haveing but little as yett brought into the ffactory for soe large an Investment as they had Contracted for, & acquainted

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[27TH:] them that if they made noe more hast wth: it the Season would not allow time Sufficient for the Sorting thereof as ought to be, and then they must expect to have it turned upon their hands againe, and pay the Hono^{ble}: Comp^{a}: 25 ℔ Cent according to agreement, for soe much as should be found short of their [Contract], To which they replyed, that they were noe wayes blamable haveing gi[ven . . .] in due time and gott very Considerable quantityes of goods [*a few words lost*], allow the makeing it up faster, Raine falling almost every day and the freshes comeing downe, voyolently obstructed the passage over all the Rivers, that their cloth w^{ch}: lay ready in the Country could not be brought to them.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.

: ffield and his Wife arrived from Madrass.

28. A Dutch ship imported from Persia, and another sailed out of this Roade bound for Batavia.

29. Received letters from Bengall.

SATURDAY [29TH].

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present
M^{R}: ROBERT FFREEMAN
M^{R}: RICHARD BROWNE.

Robert ffreeman haveing been a long time Sick at Goodra desires the Councells leave to goe to Madapollam, hoping the Change of aire may Conduce much towards his perfect recovery w^{ch}: the Councell thinks fitt to grant him.

R. FFREEMAN.
R. BROWNE.

A Danes Shipp arrived from Vizagapatam.
M^{r}: ffield, his wife, and M^{r}: ffreeman went to Madapollam.

30TH:

Cash.		Dr: Pagods: fa: ca:
1. To Ballance [. . .] mos: Accot: in Cash Chest.		3568 27 4
7. To Richard G[resham] for 3 yds: broad cloth:	2: 9: 0	
10. To Ditto for one halfe ℔s.	23: 0· 0	25 9 0
Pagods:		3594 0 4

Per Contra		Cr. Pagods: fa: ca:
By Richard Brownes Travaileing expences from Madrass to this place in the month of July last.		20 0 0
29: By Accot: Sallary vizt: Robert ffreeman for the moyetie of 6 mos: Commencing from the 25th: March to this day at 30th ℔ Ann amounts to pa:	17: 27: 5	4
Richard Browne for 3 mos: at 20: and 3 mos: at 30: ℔ ann: ye: moyietie amots: to:	14: 29: 1½	
Richard Gresham Commencing as above at 20 ℔ annum.	11: 30: 4	
Robt: Bowyer for 1 mo: 25 dayes commencing as above to the 20th: May at 10 ℔ annm:	3: 22: 3	
Francis Bett at 10:	11: 30: 4	
Zouch Tronghton at 10:	11: 30: 4	
To George Atkins Surgeon at 30: ℔ ann: Commencing as above.	33: 12: 0	
		105 3 3½
R 30: By Ballance remaineing in Cash Chest		3468 0 ½
	Pagods.	3594 0 4

R. FFREEMAN.

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Mr: Gresham Returned from Pettipollee. 2.

Noe business for Consultation the Chief being at Madapollam. THURSDAY 4.
A Dutch Ship Sailed for Batavia.
A Danes Ship Sailed for Trincombar.

Noe business for Consultation, for the reason abovementioned. MUNDAY 8.
Received a Gennerall from Pettipollee.

Received a Gennerall from the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell at the ffort. 11.

Noe business for Consultation. THURSDAY

Mr: ffreeman returned from Madapollam, to Goodra but Still Continues Sick. 12.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF MUNDAY 15.
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

This day the Merchants appearing before the Councell acquainted them wth: the extraordinary want of money to carry on their Investment last Contracted for, and that they had paid Interest above this 3 months for above 60000 pagods: wch: ought to have been deliverd them in the month of July when the Contract was made, therefore they demand a promise from the Councell for the time they have, and should be out of cash to be pd: the Interest they pay of 1 ℔ cent ℔ mo: wch: the Councell seriously Considering the reasonableness of their demands, but not haveing power to satisfie them herein thought best to treat them kindly wth: good words, & promised that they would immediately acquaint the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: Councell therewth: whose answere they questioned not, but would in great measure give [them] Satisfaction, therefore desired them not to be longer troubled, but goe on [. . .] wth: their business, for as they never had, soe they need not [. . .] Sufferers by the Honoble: Compauyes Employ, and for [. . .] the Councell offerd them 3 Chests of Dollars, wch: [. . .] New London at the price of 6⅛ pa: ℔ [Seire...] at 64 pagods: ℔ Candy [*about a line lost*] be discovered to be any wayes Concerned theirin would be their utter Ruine, and the silver was too deare they could not give above 6 pagods: ℔ seire, wch: the Councell thought too low a price being a probabillity of its riseing, 'Tis ordered that forthwth: a Gennerall letter be wrote to the Rigt: Worspll: Agent and Councell to acquaint them the Condition that the Honoble: Compas: business is in by the want of money, and to request an immediate Supply or possitive orders how wee shall Satisfie our Merchants in their demands.

The Councell calling for the Cash Booke was read and past the Ballance being pagods: 3468 :—:½. The warehouse booke was allsoe read and past, likewise the stewards Accots: for the last month wch; are as followes.

Charges Gennerall	81 :	26 :	2
Dyett Money	32 :	0 :	0
Servants Wages	133 :	0 :	0
Accot: Repaires	4 :	14 :	4
House Rent	2 :	0 :	0
Pagods:	253 :	5 :	0

R. FFREEMAN.
R. BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

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14. Dispatcht a Gennerall lre: to the Right Worsp[ll]: Agent &c[a]: Councell at the ffort.

15. The Chief left the House at Goodra and Cam[*sic*] to live in Metchlepatam.

16. Received letters from Bengall, and dispatcht them to Pettipollee.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

[...] MR ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

[*About a line lost*] of their Cumum [*about a line lost*] demanded for their releasement wch: place being in the Same Government with Pettipollee, and under one Governour 'tis ordered that forthwth: a Gennerall lre: be writt to the Councell there, to endeavour the releasemt: of them wth: all expedition.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THURSDAY 18TH: MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Braminy accquainting the Councell of the want of Gunyes Roapes and twine in the ffactory for the Packing up of severall of the Compas: goods this year, 'tis ordered that 300 pa: be deliverd to Gonlo Vincatadry for the provision thereof, wch: was this day done and order given to lett them be very good in their kinde, noe other business presenting the Councell wth: drew.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 22ND. MR: ROBERT FFR[EEMAN CHIEF]
MR: RICHARD [BROWNE]
[MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.]

[*Two lines lost*] undertaken to cure it in a short time, to ꝑforme wch: he hath employed the Major parte of all the washers upon those goods, and thaken [*sic*] them of from theirs, notwithstanding that ye: washers had received money of them, and great quantety's of their goods lay in their houses untouched, therefore requested the Councell to take some Course to secure the washers from doeing any other worke till they had ꝑformed theirs, and knowing noe other way but by application to the Governour, 'tis therefore ordered that the dubass be immediately sent to him to request the assistance of his power to Command all the Washers that have undertaken our Merchants Cloth, not to accept of others 'till that be finished by reason of the lateness of the season and the great quantityes wee had to be Cured and but a short time to doe it in.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

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The Dubass haveing been to waite upon the Governour yesterday to acquaint [23RD.]
wth: the message sent him as ꝑ Consultation, returnes this answere that he will immediately send for the Chief washer and give him strict order not to suffer any that belongs to him to undertake the Cureing of any other Merchants goods till they have finished what belongs to ours.

The Dutch Chief Sino^{r}: Hartsinck &c^{a}: went to Pollicatt.

Received a Gennerall from Pettipollee.

The Chief and M^{r}: Gresham gave the Governour a visitt. 24.

Noe business for Consultation. THURSDAY. 25.

Received a Gennerall from Pettipollee wth : our weights and scales and dispatcht a gennerall to them againe. 26.

Received a Gennerall from Madapollam. 27.

Imported a boate of Toddy boards for the Hono^{ble} : Comp^{a}.: from Madapollam and the Governour stopt the unladeing, because of the quarrell at Madapoll^{m} : 28.

AT A CONSULTATION MUNDAY 29TH :

Present

M^{R} : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R} : RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R} : RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Councell of Madapollam in their Gennerall letter of the 27th : Currant acquaints us of some difference between them and the Deputy Governour of Narsapore occasioned by the roguery of their washers, and the accidentiall fireing a Gun wth : a [shott] in it, w^{ch} : unluckily fell near the towne of Narsapore and was carried to y^{e} : [Deputy Governour] thereof w^{ch} : place being under this they desire us, if our Governour should [. . .] at by misformation from his Deputy (w^{ch} : they have great reason to suspect [. . .] offered them) that wee would represent the truth of the business to [*about a line lost*] the Councell thinks it best to take noe [*about three lines of a page and the following two pages lost*]

Cash Dr :	Pagods :	fa.	ca.	Pr : Contra Cr	Pagods :	fa.	ca.	
[. . .] To Ballance of last months Acco^{t} : in Cash [chest].	3468	0	½	20. By Gunlo Vincatadry on Acco^{t} : Packing stuff.	300	0	0	31ST :
[. . .] Sylver for 1 Ingott N o : 305 poiz nett [. . .] 3ozs: 5wds : makes seers 90 : 7 to : 21½ch at 6 $\frac{1}{16}$ pas : ꝑsr :	547	20	4	R 31. By Ballance remaining in Cash Chest.	3,715	20	4½	
Pagods : ...	4,015	20	4½	Pagods : ...	4,015	20	4½	

R. FFREEMAN.

ATT A CONSULTATION NOVEMBER THURSDAY 1ST.

Present

M^{R} : ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^{R} : RICHARD BROWNE
M^{R} : RICHARD GRESHAM.

Yesterday the Governour of this place sent one of servants to y^{e} : Councell to acquaint them wth : his resentments of the fireing the Gunn from Madap^{ll} : wth:

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[1st:] a shott that fell near his Towne of Narsapore wch : he supposes to be will fully done and is an abuse of Soe high a nature that he resolves not to pass it by quickly but required Satisfactory for it, wch : if he cannot gett from the ffactory of Madapollam because 'tis out of his Governmt: he will expect it from this, tis therefore ordered that the Dubass be immediately sent to him, fully instructed how to represent ye : business aright and soe use all argumts : necessary if possible to pacifie him since 'twas but an accident and noe hurt done thereby.

R. FFREEMAN.
R. BROWNE.
RICHD : GRESHAM.

2 Received a Gennerall from Madapollam.

3 Received a Gennerall lre, from the Rt: Worspll: Agent &ca: [Councell] at the ffort.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 5TH.

Mr ; ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
Mr ; RICHARD BROWNE
Mr : RICHARD GRESHAM,

Yesterday the Dubass being to waite upon the Governour [*a few words lost*] answere to the message sent wth ; him, That he had fully ac[quainted . . .] wth : all according as the Councell had directed [*about line lost*] to a belief, but he se[. . . *a line lost*] him till[. . .] the [. . .]*

DECEMBER 14 Sorted this day 1030 ℔s Percollaes.
Received a Gennerall from the Rt: Worspll: Agt: &ca: Councell at the ffort.
Sorted this day 946 ℔s Percollaes.
15 Sorded [*sic*] 1734 ℔s Ditto.

AT A CONSULTATION

Present

MUNDAY 17TH.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Councell haveing duly weighed the Agent &ca: Councells lre: being dated the [*lacuna in the original*] and upon debate on severall ℘ticulars therein was Esteemed absolutely Convenient immediately to send an express to them for more ample and Dilate directions to governe our Selves and the Honoble: Companyes affaires on the winding up of this years business.

The Councell Calling for the Cash booke, was read and past and the ballance found to be pagods : 3129 : 2 : 4½ The warehouse booke was allsoe read and past likewise the Stewards Accots: for the last month wch : are as followes vizt:

* Page 126 of the original Vol. ends here. The next page 127 begins with an entry of the 13th December. For the intervening period, Novr : 5 to December 13, the pages of the volume seem to be missing.

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		[17TH.]
Charges Gennerall	73 : 14 : 4	
Dyett Money	32 : 0 : 0	
Servants Wages	223 : 0 : 0	
Pago^ds :	228 : [*sic*] 14 : 4	

R. FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICH^D: GRESHAM.

M^r: Soines an Englishman belonging to Capt: Alley arrived here from Dowrampata and the same day went to Madapollam.

Sorted 600 ℘s Booke Percollaes.

Skipper Thomases shipp imported from Acheene. 18.
Sorted this day 505 ℘s Booke Percollaes. 19.
Dispatcht a Gennerall to the R^t: Worsp^ll: Agent &c^a: Councell at the [ffort]

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 20TH:

Present

M^R: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
M^R: RICHARD BROWNE
M^R: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Agent and Councell haveing in their Gennералls of the 3^d: & 7th: Currant ordered the procury of what goods wee could prevaile w^th: our Merchants to furnish us w^th: upon Creditt the Councell thought it necessary to treat w^th: them about y^e: Oringall Beetelaes they refuseing to bring in any more goods then they had received money for if wee turned out soe large a quantity upon their hands wherefore they were discoursed Concerning the allowance they would make for their being inferiour to Muster, but upon treating w^th: them, the Councell mett w^th: more difficulty in this affare then usuall, the Merchants obstinately refuseing to make any allowance, alleading [*sic*] they should be great sufferers by this years Investment for that they had agreeable to Contract provided to the amo^t: of 150000 p^a: in goods but ℘ceived by our sorting wee had not occasion for half y^e: quantity by our takeing in of each sortment only a small quantity of the Choicest and turning out the Major ℘^t: of their goods upon their hands againe w^ch: they affirmed to be as good this year as ever and Cost them more money. The Councell to satisfie them to the Contrary why soe great a quantity of each sortment was refused was because their goods came out much worse then heretofore, but if they would make a reasonable abatement wee would accept all their Oringall Beetelaes, but the Merchants gave the Councell great occasion of admiration, by refuseing this reasonable proposall and declareing that unless wee accepted them as they were at the price of the 3^d: Muster and sufferd them to carry away all other their turned out Cloth they would not supply us w^th: a peice more but seeke another Markett for that they had furnisht us allready to the amount of what money they had received and that they ℘ceived wee had a designe to ruine them otherwise wee would not treat w^th: them soe much to their prejudice.

The Councell well Considering this reply of the Merchants and the advantage they might possibly make use of, by not being supplyed w^th: money according to Contract, and soe detaine their goods in expectation of Interlopers importing from the Bay and thereby the Hono^ble: Comp^a: be disapointed, thought best to humo^r:

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[20TH.] them a little wth: good words and dismiss them for the Present till next Consultation Day for ffurther Consideration and then they should have a finall resolve about the Oringall Beetelaes wch: they seemed pretty well satisfied wth: and so wth:drew.

R. FFREEMAN.
R. BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

Received a Gennerall lre: from the Rt Worspll: Agt: &ca: Councell at ye: ffort.
Sorted this day 333 ℘s Golcundah Beetelaes.

21. Sorted 367 ℘s *ditto.*

22. Sorted 843 ℘s dimities and 960 ℘s saile cloth.

23. Received a Gennerall lre: from Madapollam.
Sorted 1622 ℘s Allejaes.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

MONDAY 24TH.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

The Merchants according to direction the former Consultation day being come to the ffactory the Councell proceeded to come to an agreement for the Oringall Beetelaes, and after many debates the Councell were necessiated [*sic*] to close wth: them for the whole quantity at 16¾ pa wch they were wth: great difficulty brought to allow of but upon the Councells assureing them soe soone as their Accotts: could be ended not a peece of their turned out cloth should be detained in this ffactory and being treated wth: many fare promises, Beetle and rosewater they were prevailed wth: to deliver them at the price abovementioned, and to bring in their other goods, whereupon the Councell immediately repaired to the sorting place to receive the Oringall Beetelaes and overlooke wt: other goods were in a readiness.

R: FFREEMAN.
R: BROWNE.
RICHD: GRESHAM.

25. Sorted this day 1200 ℘s Saile cloth.
26. Sorted 920 ℘s ditto.

ATT A CONSULTATION
Present

THURSDAY 27.

MR: ROBERT FFREEMAN CHIEF
MR: RICHARD BROWNE
MR: RICHARD GRESHAM.

Occula Ascharr and Annum Dutch Merchants offered to ye: Councell [*lacuna*] ℘s Oringall Beteelaes much exceeding our head Muster at 25 pa: ℘ corge wch:

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the Councell thought fitt to accept of esteeming them Cheap and good and order the Sorting of them for the Hono[ble] : Comp[as] : acc[t] [27.]

R : FFREEMAN.
R : [BROWNE.]
[RICH[D] : GRESHAM.]

Sorted this day 2802 ℘s Gonapoore Beetelaes. 29.

This day imported ship Prospect from Acheene. 30.
A Dutch shipp imported from Bengall.

Sorted 299 ℘s Sallampores, and [. . .] 31.

Cash.	D[r] : Pago[ds] :	fa :	ca :
[. . .] Ballance of last month acco[t] : in Cash Chest.	3,129	2	4½
Anismea for Allowe for 12 ca : 10 mds : 30 seer : at 20 p[a] :	250	27	0
To Mier ffackerdeen for Copper of Japan 250 Chests poiz 60 ca : 15 md : 7 ñ : at 60 p[a] : ℘ Candy.	3,645	19	0
To Accana Sheroffe for 12 ñ : ps Broadcloth at 23 p[a] : p ½ ps.	276	0	0
Pago[ds] :	7,301	12	4½

P[r] : Contra.	C[r] : Pago[ds] :	fa :	ca :
1. By Verass Bramine to defray ffactory expenses.	400	0	0
By ditto for ditto accot.	400	0	0
By Madula Condepah and Company.	4,000	0	0
R. 31 By Ballance Remaineing in Cash Chest.	2,501	12	4½
Pago[ds]	7301	12	4½

R : FFREEMAN.

The Stewards Acco[ts] : was Examined and past ℘ticulars vizt :

Dyett money paid	32	0	0
Charges Generall	79	35	3
Servants wages	123	27	0
Pago[ds] :	235	26	3

A List of Persons at Present resideing in this ffactory.	Arrival in India.	Present degree.	Present Sallary. ñ
1. Robert ffreeman Chief came out a writer for 5 years at 10 ñ p annum.	Setember 8th : 1668	Merchant	30
2. Richard Browne second accomptant came out a writer for 5 years at 10 ñ : p anñ.	June 23[d] · 1675.	Merchant	30
3. Richard Gresham third Warehouse Keeper came out a ffactor for 5 years at 20 ñ : p anñ.	September 4th : 1682.	Factor	20
4. ffrancis Bett Secretary Entertained by y[e] : R[t] : Worsp[ll] : Ag[t] . &c[a] : Councell at 10 ñ p anñ.	September 29 : 1681.	Writer	10
5. Zouch Troughton came out a Writer for 7 years at 10 ñ ℘ annum.	July 21 : 1682.	Writer	10

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